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## US threatens to attack again

### 27 cruise missiles hit Iraq: No-fly zone is extended

By IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON, MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICA declared last night that it was ready to attack Iraq again, in spite of widespread criticism of its cruise missile strike yesterday morning. President Clinton said that Saddam Hussein had to pay a price for his brutality and he prevented from attacking his neighbours and American interests. Besides yesterday's "punishment" attack, the "no-fly zone" in southern Iraq was being extended and UN plans to allow Baghdad to sell oil for food were being delayed.

But Saddam ordered his forces to ignore both of the no-fly zones imposed by the West to protect Iraqi Kurds, and told them to shoot down any hostile aircraft over Iraq. Western intelligence sources also reported that Iraqi forces were moving deeper into Kurdish-controlled areas, in spite of claims from Baghdad that they were withdrawing.

Yesterday's attack, code-named Desert Strike, was launched at 7.15am (3.15am BST) and involved two B2 bombers which flew from the Pacific island of Guam and two guided missile warships in the Gulf. They fired 27 cruise missiles on targets in southern Iraq in a mission that was declared a success. Baghdad said that five people were killed, 19 wounded and a number of houses destroyed.

Britain, the only ally to speak out strongly in favour of the operation, offered logistical support by allowing the tankers which refuelled the B2s to take off from Diego Garcia atoll in the Indian Ocean.

John Major later reiterated Britain's unequivocal support, saying that he feared the Kurds were facing a repeat of the humanitarian disaster

they had suffered at Saddam's hands five years ago. "We have learnt from bitter experience what Saddam Hussein stands for, what he is and the danger he represents, both to his own people in Iraq and to others as well," the Prime Minister said. He was supported by Labour, which described the attack as justifiable and inevitable, and he denied that the threat of reprisals against

#### Shares fall but oil prices rise

The price of North Sea crude oil rose from \$21.99 a barrel to \$22.75 before slipping to \$22.00. At the peak oil was trading at its highest since Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. The FT-SE 100 was down 28.5.

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foreign tourists or workers would prevent further allied action.

Germany and Japan also backed the attack, but France reacted coolly and called for a political solution — a reaction which disappointed the White House after Mr Clinton had spent half an hour on the telephone trying to win over President Chirac on Monday.

Most Arab nations — apart from Kuwait — strongly condemned the operation, as did China and Russia, which described the raids as unacceptable. Spain and New Zealand were also concerned that America was acting too hastily.

William Perry, the Ameri-

can Defence Secretary, nevertheless made plain that America was prepared to take further military action if it was deemed necessary and President Clinton defended his decision in a statement from the White House, saying that Saddam had repeatedly made clear his disdain for civilised behaviour.

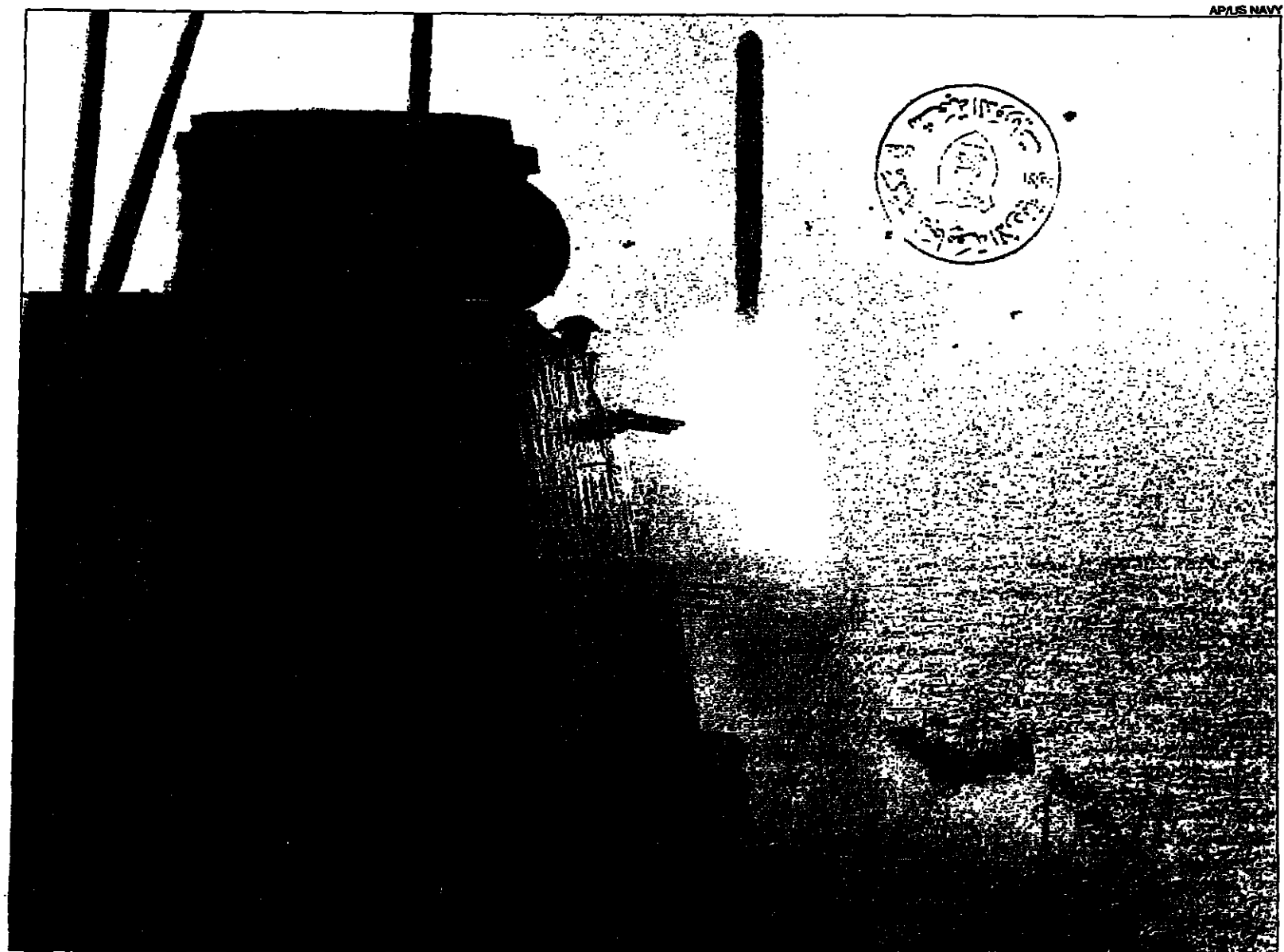
"Our objectives are limited, but clear: to make Saddam pay a price for the latest act of brutality, reducing his ability to threaten his neighbours and America's interests."

"Hussein's objectives may change, but his methods are always the same — violence and aggression, against the Kurds, against other ethnic minorities, against Iraq's neighbours."

"Our answer to that recklessness must be strong and immediate... we must make it clear that reckless acts have consequences, or those acts will increase. We must reduce Iraq's ability to strike out at its neighbours and we must increase America's ability to contain Iraq over the long run."

The Western allies had now decided to extend the no-fly zone in southern Iraq from the 32nd to the 33rd parallel, which means coalition aircraft will be able to fly almost to the suburbs of Baghdad. Iraq has 50 combat planes — a sixth of its strength — at two key air bases in the extended area, and Saddam has until noon today to move them. If he did so, it would be regarded as an effective recognition of the exclusion zone.

But yesterday he issued a defiant statement urging his forces to consider the "damned imaginary lines" non-existent. They should resist the "humiliated and low-



A Tomahawk cruise missile is fired at an Iraqi target yesterday from the US destroyer Laboon in the Gulf. Two ships took part in the attack

ly" Americans and teach them a lesson, he said. "Hit back with capability and efficiency at any hostile plane the aggressors fly to violate the airspace of your great country throughout Iraq."

The Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, also said in an interview with CNN that Iraq would not tolerate the no-fly zone any more. It had gone beyond reason and was being used as a means for aggres-

sion against Iraq. He insisted that Iraqi forces had done nothing wrong in helping a Kurdish faction regain the city of Arbil from a rival group.

"What we did was legitimate. What the United States did was illegitimate and against international law, against the letter and spirit of United Nations resolutions about Iraq. What we did was a responsible, positive, limited operation to help our people.

We did nothing wrong," he said, adding that American reports that Iraqi troops were still advancing were deliberate disinformation.

The extended exclusion zone means that American, British and French aircraft will have to patrol an area around of Baghdad where the Iraqis have a concentration of surface-to-air missile sites, and Western intelligence sources said that Iraq might try to

shoot down allied planes. There was also a danger that Saddam would use any captured pilots as hostages or propaganda weapons as he did during the Gulf War.

The sites attacked yesterday were all within the new section of the exclusion zone. Asked why America had struck there, when the crisis was provoked by the assault on the Kurds in the north, Mr Perry said that Washington had

been concerned that Saddam would be emboldened to strike out in areas of greater strategic importance in the south if his success in the north were allowed to go unpunished.

The issue was not simply the attack on the Kurdish town of Arbil, but the "clear and present danger" that Saddam posed to Iraq's neighbours, to the region's security and to the flow of oil to the world.



#### Bodies dug up

Belgian police yesterday unearthed the remains of two people at a house owned by Marc Dutroux, the paedophile who has confessed to kidnapping and torturing young girls. Page 12

## Japanese-led consortium wins the battle for MoD's married quarters

By JAMES LANDALE AND JASON NISSE



Portillo: he pushed for the sell-off

A CONSORTIUM led by Nomura International, the Japanese bank, has won the battle to buy the Ministry of Defence's married quarters estates of 58,000 homes with a bid of £1.6 billion. It narrowly beat off a bid led by John Beckwith, the property developer who is a leading fundraiser for the Conservative Party and is believed to have offered slightly more.

The winning Annington Homes consortium includes the Royal Bank of Scotland, Hambros Bank, Midland Bank, Abbey National Treasury Services and the AMEC Group. Nomura has been at pains to emphasise the British element to quell the protests from former Japanese prisoners of war. Other critics have included politicians, parts of the Armed Forces and service

families. The plan was championed by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, who last year pushed forward preparations for the sell-off in the face of the mounting unrest. David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said it was "scandalous and disgraceful"

that Hambros was involved in the deal. The bank has paid £300,000 into Tory party coffers since 1992 and is headed by Lord Hambros, the Senior Honorary Treasurer to the Conservative Party.

"It stretches the boundaries of belief to suggest that Lord Hambros... had no influence on the Government's decision," Mr Clark said. "Our Armed Forces will be furious that their homes are being sold in such a disgraceful manner."

Harold Payne of the National Federation of Far East Prisoners of War said he was disgusted with the Government. "This is the last straw," he said. "Anything to do with money these days seems to have Japanese attached to it. I am appalled."

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "To award the contract to a Japanese group could be regarded

as insensitive to those who served in the Far East during the war."

Sir Thomas Macpherson, a Second World War commando who became a leading industrialist, is the chairman on Annington. Yesterday he said: "I'm not really surprised by the prisoners of war's reactions. But we are dealing with their children and grandchildren and with all the Japanese investment in this country you cannot turn the clock back."

He promised that there would be no quick sell-offs of property to help to fund the deal. There are 2,700 empty homes in the estate, worth an estimated £100 million, and Sir Thomas said that these would be upgraded before any were sold or relet. He added that Nomura's role in the group was to put it together and it would not be the largest investor.

## Company chief backs Labour

By PHILIP BASSETT

LABOUR'S campaign to win support from British business will be boosted today when the head of a top British company declares his backing.

Cob Stenham, the chairman of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper making group which is in the FTSE listing of top firms, will predict a Labour victory.

Mr Stenham, 64, who was educated at Eton and Cambridge, said: "There are a lot more business supporters of Labour than meets the eye. Businessmen don't like to shout their support from the rooftops. But support is slowly widening."

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, will today publish *New Opportunities for Business*, in which Labour will give five clear economic commitments.

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## Rhino horns worth £3m seized in London

By BILL FROST AND ADAM FRESKO

THE world's biggest seizure of rhinoceros horns, worth almost £3million, was made by police in London yesterday after a tip-off to the RSPCA. The 105 horns, weighing 240 kilos, were thought to be destined for Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Chinese communities in London, Manchester, and Liverpool. Ground down to powder, they are highly prized in the

Far East as an aphrodisiac, and to treat anything from nosebleeds to delirium, strokes and fevers.

Detectives from the South East Regional Crime Squad raided two garages in Kensington, West London. Three men were arrested there, and a woman was taken into custody later in Norwich. All were being questioned last night over possible offences under the UN Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species.

Selling products with derivatives from endangered species can result in fines of up to £5,000 or two years in jail. Rhinos are one of the most endangered species; fewer than 7,000 white and 3,000 black are still alive.

Detective Inspector Haslett Schofield, who led yesterday's operation, said that many of the horns were old and were probably trophies from private collections. "They were from animals shot much earlier this century. If no museum takes them, they will be destroyed in an incinerator."

Terence Spamer, RSPCA chief inspector, said: "There is enormous cruelty in poaching these animals." Trade has soared because of western interest in Oriental medicines. In March, medicines containing rhino horn and bear bile were seized in Barking, east London.

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Fears grow raids will fan flames of anti-Western sentiment and boost sympathy for Saddam

# Outrage in Arab world puts peace process at risk

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

MUCH of the Arab world reacted with open hostility to yesterday's American missile attacks on Iraq, in stark contrast to the wide support given to US-led efforts to expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait in 1991. The outrage threatens to reopen many of the deep diplomatic wounds caused by the Gulf War.

The US action was bitterly condemned by the 22-member Arab League and denounced by Egypt, one of Washington's main Arab allies in the Gulf War. A Palestinian official said the strikes had enraged Arab public opinion throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Syria, a pillar of the 1991 coalition against Iraq, said: "The bombing of targets in Iraq constitutes a threat to the unity of Iraq and its regional safety and increases the suffering of the Iraqi people." Damascus, a bitter foe of President Saddam Hussein, also claimed that the missile blitz contradicted "the United Nations Charter".

Palestinian sources gave a warning that the official Arab condemnation could lead to an upsurge of terrorist attacks on American and Western targets in the region and elsewhere, since the strike, ordered by President Clinton, was seen as infringing the sovereignty of an Arab country.

By nightfall the vulnerable emirate of Kuwait, whose desert borders were stormed by Iraqi forces in August 1990, was the only Arab voice to speak up unreservedly in support of the American action. An official statement expressed "full understanding" for the attack.

Some of the strongest opposition to the US strike came from Jordan which, according to diplomatic sources, rebuffed an American attempt to base warplanes on its soil to assist in the anti-Saddam op-

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eration. The Jordanian opposition, voiced forcefully on Monday by King Hussein to General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, was in contrast to the recent pro-Western stance adopted by the monarch who had publicly abandoned the controversial pro-Iraqi stand he adopted so disastrously in 1991.

Reflecting the pro-Saddam sentiment among ordinary Jordanians, more than 60 per cent of whom are of Palestinian origin, Amman called for restraint to avoid an escalation of violence.



Hussein told Pentagon that he opposed raid

The Cairo-based Arab League, whose effectiveness was severely tested by divisions prompted by the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, was swift to condemn the American action. "It is an infringement of an Arab country's sovereignty... and an interference in its internal affairs."

It added that the missile attacks, by US warships and B52 bombers against air defence and communications targets, contradicted international law. "The use of mili-

tary force will lead only to more aggravation and expose the region to instability."

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "Egypt underlines the importance of principles and goals of the UN Charter, which guarantees Iraq's sovereignty, integrity and non-interference in its internal affairs."

During the day there was silence from Saudi Arabia and most Gulf states which cut ties with Iraq over the invasion of Kuwait and played a major role in the allied effort to liberate the emirate. After recent devastating bomb attacks against US military personnel in Saudi Arabia, the troubled Saudi Royal Family is anxious not to do anything to inflame domestic extremist Islamic dissent.

A leading member of the newly formed Palestinian Autonomy Council, Ziad Abu Ziad, voiced the anger of many Palestinians when he told Israel radio that the missile attacks represented "another crime by the US against the Iraqi people". Like many Arabs, he dismissed the attacks as electioneering by Mr Clinton and pointed out that the strikes could have serious consequences for the future of the already enfeebled Middle East peace process.

Western observers in the Arab world said the attack would fan the flames of anti-Western sentiment and boost grassroots sympathy for Saddam among many ordinary Arabs who hold a sneaking regard for him because of his continued determination to stand up to American military might, five years after his widely proclaimed defeat in the Gulf War.

Mr Abu Ziad argued that on this occasion the Iraqis had been acting within their sovereign territory in Arbil and should not have been subjected to outside force.



Perry at the Pentagon press briefing yesterday: the United States' goal "is to deter Saddam from being the regional bully"

## US reserves right to attack again, says Perry

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

### PENTAGON

THE United States reserves the right to take further military action against Iraq, William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said yesterday.

Where, how and against what targets had yet to be decided, he said, but the main determining factor would be the behaviour of the Iraqis in the coming weeks. "We have many other options open, but I would not like to describe them or forecast where we would implement them. We would hope this move would be sufficient."

Mr Perry spoke at a Pentagon briefing where officials refused to give a detailed assessment of the damage inflicted by the 27 cruise missiles. They did say that the

daylight raid was effective and that there was no evidence that any American missiles were shot down, as claimed by President Saddam Hussein.

The sites attacked were all in the new section of the southern no-fly zone which was expanded yesterday by Britain, France and America from the 32nd to the 33rd parallel to deny Saddam control of Iraqi air space from the Kuwaiti border to the southern suburbs of Baghdad, the capital.

Mr Perry was asked why America had struck against southern Iraq when the crisis was provoked by Saddam's forces attacking the Kurdish safe haven in northern Iraq.

He said that Washington had been concerned that Saddam would be emboldened to strike out in the south, in areas which are of greater strategic importance to him as well as to the allies. If his success in the north was allowed to go unpunished,

Mr Perry spoke of America's vital interests in the region: maintenance of stability, protection of friendly nations and protection of the flow of oil. In other words, the American priority is to safeguard Kuwait and Saudi Arabia from any resurgence of Saddam's expansionist visions. "Our goal is to deter Saddam from being the regional bully and we must ensure he does not upset regional stability with impunity," Mr Perry said.

He said that the issue was not simply the Iraqi attack on the Kurdish town of Arbil, but also the "clear and present danger" that Saddam poses to his neighbours, the security of the region and the flow of oil to the world.

Mr Perry did not say what America could do if Saddam continued his offensive in the north. However Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, said during an interview from Baghdad on CNN that operations in the north were of limited duration to help one Kurdish faction, which had felt threatened by Iran's support for a rival faction.

Saddam said that he would ignore the expanded no-fly zone, but Mr Perry said that America would act further if he failed to comply. In the past allied aircraft have held the upper hand in dog fights

with Iraqi pilots and in destroying anti-aircraft sites.

Mr Perry will have meetings today with Michael Portillo, the British Defence Secretary, who will be on a visit to Washington that was arranged before the Iraqi crisis blew up. Britain has emerged as America's strongest supporter for the cruise missile attack, with France reacting coolly and other nations expressing reservations or opposition.

Fourteen of the cruise missiles were Tomahawks launched from US Navy ships in the Gulf. The other 13 were dropped by B52 bombers that had made the long haul from the American island of Guam in the Pacific. It was the first time air-launched cruise missiles had been used other than on an exercise.

## Americans urged to 'show restraint' in Gulf region

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

NATO's Secretary-General gave firm backing to America's attack on Iraq yesterday, but several important members of the alliance made clear their reservations.

France, one of the three countries patrolling the no-fly zones, conspicuously failed to voice support for Washington. Hervé de Charette, the Foreign Minister, said France had been informed but he would not comment further. However, he called on Iraq to withdraw its forces from the Kurdish areas and reiterated France's commitment to Iraq's territorial integrity. A spokesman said that Paris did not believe Saddam had violated United Nations resolutions.

President Clinton telephoned President Chirac on Monday night, and the French leader voiced understanding for Mr Clinton's motives but

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not for such a response. The White House admitted that the conversation was "candid". France is understood to have sent a message directly to Baghdad before the raids, urging withdrawal. Yesterday Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian Foreign Minister visiting Paris, said the two countries were in agreement. Syria is one of many Arab countries to have criticised the US action.

In contrast, Germany strongly backed Washington. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, said the response was "appropriate and justified". He said the Iraqis had violated the Kurdish safe area and caused much bloodshed. Russia and China condemned the airstrikes. Mos-

cow called them "unacceptable". Using some of the strongest anti-American language since the Cold War, the Kremlin described them as "an inadequate and inadmissible response".

"Russia insists on ending all military actions in Iraq threatening the sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country," said the statement, which almost certainly had President Yeltsin's approval.

Russian diplomatic sources added that unless Washington showed restraint "the situation could get out of control" and added that "developments in the Gulf region are taking an extremely dangerous turn". The almost pro-Iraqi remarks reflect a profound change in Russian foreign policy since Moscow's initial support for the allies in the Gulf War. Russia has consistently

favoured lifting sanctions on Iraq, not least because Baghdad has multi-billion pound debts outstanding to Moscow and Russian companies are poised to finalise lucrative contracts the moment the international embargo is lifted.

China expressed deep regret over the attacks and the new tensions in the Gulf. Elsewhere in Asia, Japan supported America, while Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim state, regretted the violence.

Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, called the attacks "a justified, measured and proportionate response". However, Spain did not echo the support given by its former Foreign Minister, Abel Matutes, his successor, wished that armed intervention had been postponed.

## Saddam condemns 'cowardly' assault



Saddam on television in Iraq yesterday

THE following is an unofficial translation of extracts from President Saddam Hussein's speech in reaction to the American attack:

"Once again the humiliated and lowly Americans have come to perpetrate their often-repeated cowardly act by hiding behind technological development God Almighty has turned into an insult on them and the opening for disgrace and shame that is to befall them."

"The aggressors have come again with their cowardly and humiliating raid to register for themselves the third cursed comeback along with what they deserve for the debasement of their aggressive weapons. But the raid will be full of sublime meaning for the noble Iraqis and their courageous stand and great steadfastness."

"(The date of the attack) will be a glorious day the Iraqi people will write down in the name of the Almighty, in their chronicle of great honour. For the aggressors it will be a day of cursing in history as well as on the level of the globe following the curse that has befallen them from God."

"It is another of your glorious days, you Iraqis, the eyeball of our eyes. You men of the armed forces, resist them as it is known of you and as God, the great Creator, would like to give a

place under the sun and as we know of you and is looked upon you from your people, nation and free people in the world. Resist them and teach them a new lesson in the meanings which their humiliating and lowly souls do not carry."

"You men of the air defence and falcons of the skies, consider from now their damned imaginary lines north of the 36th parallel and south of the 32nd parallel non-existent. Hit back with capability and efficiency, relying on God the Almighty [all] any hostile plane the aggressors fly to violate the airspace of your great country throughout Iraq from now and in future."

"The sons of twin rivers [the Tigris and Euphrates] were on their guard for the aggressors. They shot down a great number of their missiles and God humiliated the aggression and the aggressors." (Reuters)

## Clinton airstrikes receive Rifkind's complete support

BY MICHAEL BINYON

### BRITAIN

BRITAIN voiced unconditional support for the American airstrikes against Iraq yesterday. A dawn statement from Downing Street said that the attack sent an "unequivocal message to Saddam Hussein that repression of innocent civilians and reckless acts of brutality are unacceptable".

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said the extension of the "no-fly" zone and the other actions had been a necessary consequence of the new aggression by President Saddam Hussein. Britain had discussed the strikes with the Clinton Administration over the past two or three days, he told a press conference in Ulan Bator during a visit to Mongolia.

"Any future aggression would inevitably invite a similar response," he said. "We know from the past that the man cannot be trusted." He said that, if the capture of Arbil had been ignored, there would have been further aggression against the rest of the Kurdish part of the country.

Britain's support has been more than just verbal. The Government allowed the American B52 bombers to be refuelled on their outward and home journeys by tanker aircraft from the Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean. The base, run by American forces, is in a British overseas territory; permission had been requested and freely granted.

Officials in London said yesterday the decision to ex-

tend the no-fly zone in the south of Iraq, rather than the north, was taken because the newly excluded territory would cover a much larger area and included many important military installations, such as airfields, from which Iraq would be able to harass the Kurds.

Britain believes the airstrikes had full legal cover because they were in keeping with United Nations Security Council Resolution 688 which orders Saddam to stop repression of his people. The attack on Arbil was a clear example of repression. Officials brushed aside the hesitations and legal objections of other countries, including France. "Someone has to take the lead to do what is right," one said.

London has made no secret of its concern at the presence of Iranian troops in Iraq who, officials say, were trying to thwart American efforts to broker an agreement between rival Kurdish groups. They believe that the KDP's alliance with Saddam is a temporary expedient, basting their view on regular talks with both Kurdish groups. A British official was present at the abortive peace talks between the PUK and KDP in London last weekend.

Britain has also played down the general criticism of the attack in the Arab world. "We did not expect much public support, but there is tacit acceptance."

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## Queues for gas masks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

### ISRAEL

JITTERY Israelis queued at 43 distribution centres throughout the country yesterday for new and replacement gas masks in spite of repeated assurances by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, that the American strike on Iraq would not provoke renewed Scud attacks.

One centre in Jerusalem received ten times more calls than normal about replacing deficient masks, first handed

out in the 1991 Gulf War, when much of the population sheltered in sealed rooms for fear of a chemical warfare attack that never came.

The 39 Scuds fired during the war by Iraq in a vain attempt to drag Israel into the conflict left a deep mental scar on the Jewish people, few of whom have forgotten the subsequent boast by Saddam that one day he would relish sending over the fortieth Scud.

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Washington uses B52 bombers and its fleet in the Gulf to punish Saddam for northern offensive

# British base plays key role in US missile attacks

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

OPERATION Desert Strike was launched at 3.15am yesterday when 27 cruise missiles were fired from US Air Force B52 bombers and two American warships from the northern end of the Gulf.

It was the first time that air-launched, long-range cruise missiles had been fired in anger. In previous operations against the Iraqis during the 1991 Gulf War and in 1993, against the Bosnian Serbs last year, the Americans used Tomahawk cruise missiles launched from nuclear-powered submarines and warships.

The aim of Operation Desert Strike was to punish President Saddam Hussein for his offensive against the Kurds in northern Iraq. Air defence and Sam sites in southern Iraq were chosen rather than those in the north or round Baghdad. This was because President Clinton wanted to extend the southern "no-fly" zone from the 32nd parallel to the 33rd parallel to within 30 miles of Baghdad to restrict Saddam's ability to launch combat aircraft from bases south of Baghdad.

Two B52H Stratofortress bombers with a range of 10,000 miles set off from the American base on Guam in the Pacific late on Monday afternoon, each with capacity to carry 20 AGM86C non-nuclear cruise missiles — twelve under the wings and eight in the bay. The home

base of the B52s is at Barksdale in Louisiana. They had left for Guam on Sunday, a journey of 17 hours.

On the trip to the Gulf the two B52s refuelled in mid-air twice, once off the coast of Malaysia and the second time off the west coast of India. The refuelling tankers had taken off from the tiny British-owned atoll of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean where the Americans keep a naval communications centre and base, and a large airstrip built specially for the wide-winged B52 bombers.

Although the island is leased to the Americans,

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approval has to be given by the British Government any time Washington wants to use the base for an operation. This had been given.

Once the huge bombers, with a wingspan of 185ft and a maximum speed at high altitude of 595mph, approached the Gulf region, they were escorted by 12 F14 and F15 fighters from the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, which, as head of a carrier battle group in the Gulf, exercised command and control of Operation Desert Strike.

The cruise missile attack by the two B52s was co-ordinated with a similar missile launch from two warships already in

the Gulf as part of the Carl Vinson battle group. They were the Ticonderoga class guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh and the Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Laboon.

The two warships were armed with Tomahawk Block III cruise missiles which have a range of 1,000 miles, a 700lb shaped charge warhead and a guidance system linked to 24 satellites around the world which guarantees a hit of within five to ten yards of the target.

The older Tomahawk models had a range of about 800 miles but the Block III version has a smaller warhead and can carry more fuel, extending the range by 200 miles.

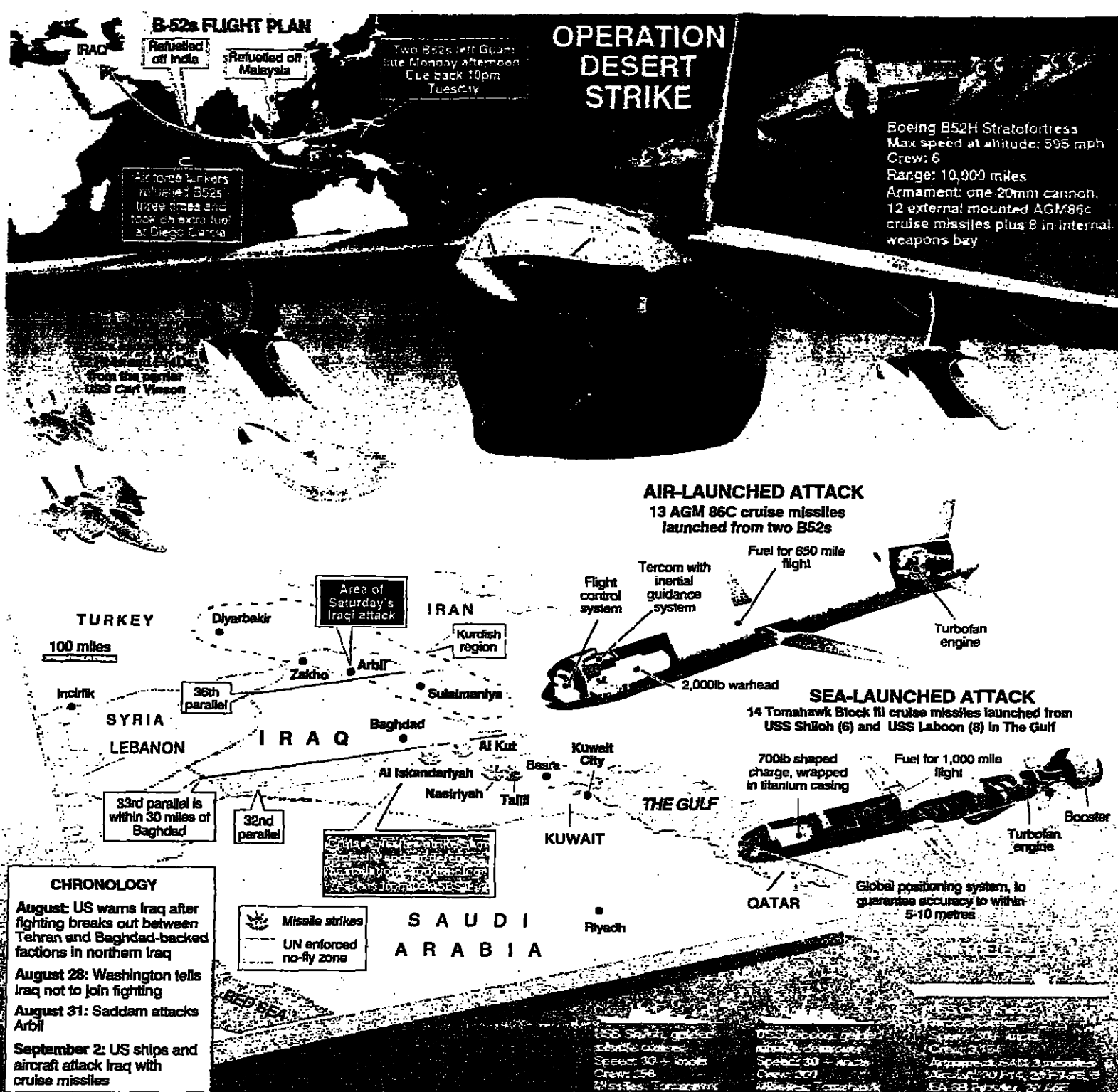
The AGM86C conventional armed cruise missile carried by the B52s was first deployed in 1982. It shares similar design characteristics to the nuclear version, the AGM86B. The missile is about 20ft long and has a 2,000lb warhead, with a range of 650 miles. It is guided by a terrain contour-matching guidance system.

As Operation Desert Strike began, the two B52s fired 13 cruise missiles, USS Laboon fired eight Tomahawks, and USS Shiloh fired six Tomahawks. The operation lasted about 45 minutes.

The cruise missile attack was directed at about 15 targets — all air defence radars, missile sites and command and communication centres — at Iraqi bases in the south.

All the targets were in the area between the 32nd and 33rd parallels to underline to Saddam that coalition aircraft from America, Britain and France would now be patrolling the skies over that region.

Once the cruise missiles had been launched, the two B52s headed back to Guam, refuelling once more in mid-air off the coast of India, and were due to arrive at the Pacific base between 9pm and 10pm last night.



## Kurds send telegram of thanks for cruise strike

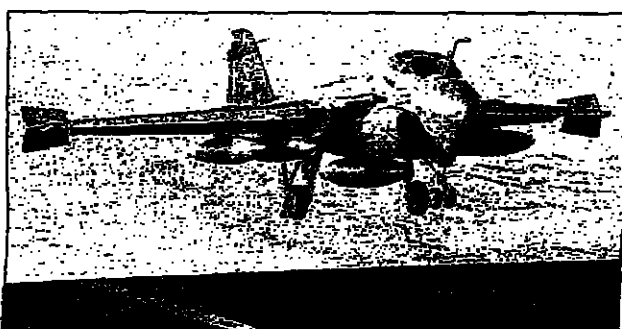
FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THOUSANDS of rejoicing Kurds danced in the streets of their stronghold of Sulaimaniya when news broke of the American cruise missile strikes, and the leader of the Kurdish faction attacked by Iraqi forces at the weekend said he had sent President Clinton a congratulatory telegram. But Jalal

Talabani, the veteran leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said the American attacks had so far failed to deter an Iraqi advance on the positions of his rebels, who were driven out from the Kurdish capital of Arbil at the weekend. Forty Iraqi tanks were on the move within half an hour of the

missile strikes, he said, adding that further American airstrikes were expected. "This is just the hors d'oeuvre of the conflict — it was not the main course," Mr Talabani said. "We thank President Clinton for his brave humanitarian action against the Iraqi leadership in the only language [President] Saddam Hussein understands." Washington had supported Iraqi opposition claims that instead of

withdrawing from Arbil Saddam's forces had shown signs of regrouping to advance on the PUK-controlled city of Sulaimaniya, where many of the 700,000 inhabitants had reportedly been planning to flee. A spokesman for the Western-backed Iraqi National Congress said: "We would welcome any further action to force Saddam to pull out all his forces from northern Iraq."



A US Navy aircraft lands on the USS Carl Vinson in the Gulf after taking part in Operation Desert Strike

## Shame over pact with 'butcher'

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ZAKHO

THE last allied ground forces in Iraq from the time of the Gulf War abandoned the northern Kurdish town of Zakho early yesterday, well in advance of the American airstrikes.

"They are afraid of Iraqi retaliation," said Captain Fadi Jameel, who stood guard in front of the fortified but empty buildings that housed the allied Military Co-ordination Centre. It was from here that about 30 British, Turkish, French and American forces were meant to oversee Operation Provide Comfort, the allied operation to protect the Kurds of northern Iraq.

Zakho, near the Turkish border, was once the safest part of the Kurdish safe area created after the Gulf War. The headquarters of the allied group, a series of suburban houses, are now webbed in perimeter wire and surrounded by sandbags and concrete blocks. In addition to concern

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that Iraqi government agents might engage in sabotage, the allied withdrawal may indicate that it is not simply President Saddam Hussein who is being punished for the recent onslaught at Arbil, several hours east of Zakho. Captain Jameel and his

Everyone knows that Saddam is a criminal, but maybe he has an excuse this time

guards all wear the red beret and distinctive gold eagle pin denoting the *pehmerga* militia of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP). It was the decision of Massoud Barzani, the KDP's leader, to strike a bargain with Saddam to drive a rival Kurdish faction from Arbil which precipitated the crisis. The allies may have

decided to withdraw until the Kurds resolve who needs protection from whom.

Ordinary Kurds in Zakho, a KDP stronghold, are clearly embarrassed by their new alliance with the Kurds' former "butcher".

"We feel shame," said Abdul Aziz Rajab, a local headmaster. But he said the KDP's decision to join Saddam was justified by the incursion into

northern Iraq by Iranian troops supporting the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan of Jalal Talabani.

"Our neighbours treat us like animals," Mr Rajab said. He questioned why the US did nothing to deter the Iranian incursion at the end of July. Rasheed Mohammed, the Mayor of Zakho, said that

yesterday's retribution by the US may have been misguided. "Everyone knows Saddam is a criminal, but maybe he has an excuse this time." That excuse was defending Iraqi territory against Iran, he added.

Mr Mohammed said the Kurds did not entertain the idea of an independent state, but wanted a home of their own in an Iraqi federation.

Such temperate language reflects weariness here with five years of administrative limbo — of being neither independent nor part of a sovereign Iraq. Shortages are common, electricity scarce. A municipal bus makes its rounds with a picture of Mr Barzani pasted to what remains of its windshield. The KDP mounts a passport control at the border but some of the guards wear plastic shoes.

Many KDP supporters stare with some regret at the empty buildings in Zakho used by the allies. "Everyone hopes they will return. They brought us confidence," Mr Rajab said.

## Save the Children couple will stay

By STEPHEN FARRELL

SAVE The Children ignored last night Foreign Office advice to order its two British aid workers out of northern Iraq.

The pair, among 30 British citizens said by the Foreign Office to be working with relief agencies in the region, run agricultural and economic support projects. The charity said they would stay with 200 local workers, but added: "We are taking the advice of the Foreign Office seriously and keeping the situation under review, with the safety of our staff as the paramount consideration."

Henry Vagg, of the relief organisation 4RS, also plans to stay. Mr Vagg, 45, told his wife of his plans via a United Nations satellite telephone in Sulaimaniya, 100 miles southeast of Arbil, yesterday. He is reluctant to leave the agency's Kurdish workers, who face torture and death, if captured by the Iraqi Army, for working with Western agencies.

"When I spoke to Henry he did not seem unduly perturbed. He thought that if he withdrew to a rural area he would be OK," said Kate Vagg, 40, from Croydon, southeast London.

"I am very concerned about him, but we have three children so I do not want to worry them. Henry has worked there a long time because he used to be with Oxford and I have visited the area, but the situation is much worse than we have seen it before. He is very aware of the fact that the local staff are in more jeopardy

## AID WORKERS

and, sadly, they do not have the opportunity to leave. He would not like to leave them unless he really had to."

The agency's three other British workers, Graham Kent, 26, Zach Chaudry, 25, and Salim Hasham, 26, all from London, were already on their way to relative safety at the time the situation worsened. Last night they were in Dahuk, 70 miles



Vagg remaining with Kurdish staff

north of Arbil, near the Turkish-Syrian border, a 4RS spokeswoman said. Mr Kent, a barrister, and Mr Chaudry, an accountant, were due to leave the country after spending several months among the Kurds working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at a refugee camp in Dahuk. Mr Hasham, based in Sulaimaniya, went to the border with them for extra security and will not return. They are expected to cross the border on Friday.

Other agencies were making plans to withdraw, or said they no longer had staff in danger zones. The Mines Advisory Group, which has seven explosives experts training 200 local people in mine identification and clearance, said it will withdraw its six British men and one Australian woman within 48 hours. Initially they had planned to stay in Sulaimaniya, southeast of Arbil, but the situation was ruled too volatile.

"There is no panic, but we were advised to leave the country, so we added the advice we were getting from the field. We were aware that the situation was becoming too volatile to be out there," Roger Brodett, a Mines Advisory Group director, said.

Kurdish Life Aid withdrew its last British worker in late July and World in Need's three male British workers, two from Northern Ireland and one from Portsmouth, told the British Embassy they had moved from Arbil to Dahuk.

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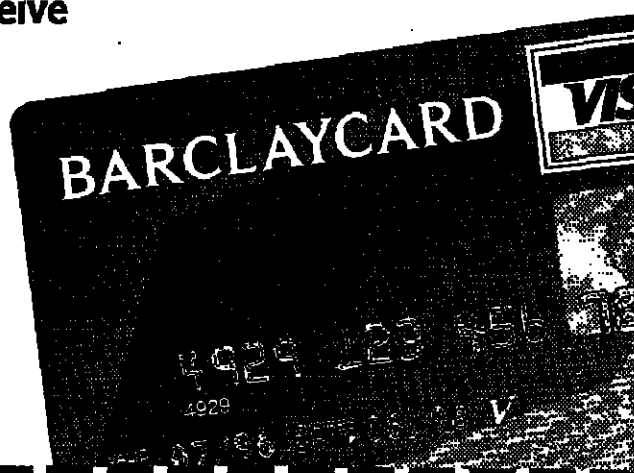
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# Customs 'found porn videos in diplomat's box'

By RICHARD DUCE

A SENIOR British diplomat was caught smuggling obscene videotapes depicting the "tragic and humiliating" abuse of children as he moved from his embassy job in Japan to a new posting in Spain, it was alleged yesterday.

Customs and Excise officers discovered 109 obscene videos, 70 of which contained scenes of "paedophilic depravity", when a container of Robert Coghlan's personal possessions was searched in Britain before its final move to Madrid, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Mr Coghlan, 54, a father of two and a gifted linguist with 30 years' service in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, denies illegally importing obscene material into Britain under the Customs and Excise Management Act, 1979. The charge alleges that on or about March 12 he was "knowingly concerned in a fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on importation" of a quantity of "indecent or obscene material".

He is a first secretary who has served at British embassies in the former Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Cuba and Brazil. In February last year he was responsible for escorting Diana, Princess of Wales on her visit to Japan.

Nigel Lithman, for the prosecution, said the Crown's case was that Mr Coghlan had tried to conceal the presence of his illegal collection at a time when he knew his belongings were being sent via Britain. The barrister said he understood the defence case was that the diplomat, who had openly admitted knowing the material to be obscene, believed that it would be despatched directly to Madrid.

Mr Lithman said: "He has



Coghlan: posted from Japan to Madrid

something of a flair for languages, speaking French, German, Portuguese, Serbo-Croat, Spanish and a working knowledge of Japanese." It was his knowledge of Japanese that meant Mr Coghlan, who is divorced, could not fail to understand labels that made clear that the films were of an obscene nature.

The jury of seven men and five women was shown an hour of edited tapes. Many contained scenes of children indulging in obscene acts either with adults or other children. Mr Lithman described the contents as "tragic and humiliating abuse of children".

In August last year, Mr Coghlan learnt that he was to leave the British Embassy in Tokyo, where he was first secretary in the information department. Mr Lithman said that, initially, he believed that he would be returning to Britain, but he was later given a posting at the British Embassy in Madrid.

As his goods were being packed by a shipping agency in Yokohama he went on a tour of the Far East and Australia that included two trips to Bangkok. He then returned to London. By the

time his container of personal possessions had arrived via Southampton to go into storage at a depot in Essex, Mr Coghlan had signed a Customs and Excise form saying that he had no prohibited goods to declare.

He was arrested on March 26 this year after Customs officers, conducting a routine search, discovered the video tapes with "magazines of a homosexual nature". Mr Lithman told the jury of Mr Coghlan's subsequent interviews with Customs officers. "He said he didn't want the goods to come into this country. He wanted them to go directly to his new posting."

"He knew that the tapes could be described as homosexual pornography. He said he bought many of the tapes in Japan. He said he was not interested in watching young kids although he had recognised that children he had seen were aged 12 or 13 and that he thought them rather young." The trial continues.



Primrose back home with Sacha Hinds after his ordeal in a budgie cage

## Stolen cockatoo goes free while jailer gets bird

By BILL FROST

PRIMROSE the garrulous cockatoo lost his good humour and neglected his plumage after being snatched by a kidnapper who rechristened him Billy and treated him as a mere budgerigar. But the traumatised bird never forgot his real name or his real owner.

Yesterday a court was told that the man caught with the cockatoo was given away when his captive told police that he was Primrose and not Billy. Clive McLoud insisted that the bird, worth more than £1,000, had been given to him by his sister before she emigrated. But when suspicious officers introduced the bird to Sacha Hinds, his real owner, he instantly squawked: "Hello, I'm Primrose."

McLoud, 40, a decorator from northwest London, was jailed for 15 months after being found guilty of handling the stolen bird. He claimed he had owned the male lesser sulphur-crested cockatoo for nine months. Sentencing him at Harrow Crown Court yesterday,

Judge Barrington Black said Primrose had been a popular attraction at Miss Hinds's shop, Pets Are Us, in Ealing, west London. "It only said 'hello' when Miss Hinds bought it. She taught the bird to say 'Primrose'. That only takes a minute Sacha. 'What are you doing?' and 'Where are you going?' the judge said. "It was known to many people and performed many tricks."

Primrose had been neglected during the three-and-a-half weeks after he vanished from his perch in the shop and his discovery in a small budgie cage in McLoud's home, the judge said. "It was depressed. Its eyes were closed. It looked dehydrated ... it was obvious you had no idea how to look after it," he told McLoud.

After the hearing Miss Hinds, 28, said: "Primrose has made a good recovery. He was ravenous when he came back, and really tired. He had lost a lot of weight. The most upsetting thing is being in a budgie cage. He is always out in the shop."

## Boy hit by father is denied court glory

By LIN JENKINS

A BOY who demanded a written apology from his father over a smack yesterday denied a chance to "bask in the glory" of seeing him put on trial.

The Crown Prosecution Service agreed not to proceed with an assault charge against the father, a 43-year-old teacher, after a doctor said that the case would be an unmitigated disaster for the family. Magistrates at Stafford bound him over for a year in the sum of £50. The teacher had been charged with assault after his son complained to police.

Martin Lewis, for the prosecution, said the father had smacked his son around the head at the family home. The blow had left a red mark. At an earlier hearing magistrates had been told that the boy had offered to withdraw his complaint if he received a written apology from his father.

Daniel Lupton, for the teacher, said: "He was simply administering lawful and reasonable chastisement." The incident had been referred to a number of doctors, one of whom said the boy was "a 12-year-old who will bask in the glory of his accusations" and that it would be an unmitigated disaster for the family. Mr Lupton said that in an effort to reunite the family the father was willing to be bound over. Magistrates ordered that the boy's identity should not be disclosed.

## Teenage railman reaches end of line

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who pretended to be a railman and drove passengers at up to 100mph said yesterday: "I would like to be a train driver but I don't suppose that is possible now."

Nicholas Gray, 18, of Cliftonville, Kent, had just been given community service and put on probation by Thanet magistrates after admitting obtaining free journeys by posing as an employee, stealing a driver's bag, entering a driver's cabin, driving a train and stealing safety equipment.

An earlier hearing had been told that he kept a train driver's outfit after two weeks' work experience at London Bridge and Herne Hill stations. For months he sold tickets, acted as a platform attendant and a cleaner, and gained access to drivers' cabs by pretending to be a trainee. He took the controls when they went to the lavatory.

He was found out when an inspector questioned him about a minor fire on a train at Faversham, Kent. Magistrates put him on probation for two years, ordered him to do 100 hours community service and to pay £80 costs.

A South Eastern Train Operating Company spokesman said: "We have stringent security measures in place but something must have gone wrong in this case. We have held an internal investigation."

## Thrifty vicar's will leaves locals bitter

By A STAFF REPORTER

A THRIFTY vicar who did not buy a single round in three years at his local pub has stunned fellow drinkers by leaving more than £1 million in his will. One of the Rev Dennis Bennett's few luxuries had been his nightly two halves of best bitter in his local pub near Bristol.

Locals would watch Mr Bennett, 83, pay with coppers out of his purse. But yesterday they were surprised to learn that the cleric was a millionaire.

Ken Taylor, the landlord, said: "I'm amazed. People would buy drinks for him but in the three years I've had the pub he never once bought one for anyone else. If I had

had any idea he had a million I would have charged him more for his beer."

Mr Bennett lived a quiet life with his sister, Joyce, in a modest house in Wrington, near Bristol, close to the village of Redhill, where he was vicar of Christ Church. The former naval chaplain retired in 1978 but remained a familiar local figure.

Mr Bennett, who inherited his wealth from his father, left an estate worth £1,026,005, most of which went to his sister.

The Rev Noel Hector, a local clergyman, said: "It is a surprise that he was wealthy because he was a very humble person."

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# 'We paid the highest price. We lost them both'

BY JOANNA BALE

TOM and Jodi Loughlin's parents paid "the highest price" for a few moments' inattention, they said yesterday. They were speaking for the first time since their children's drowned bodies were recovered at the weekend.

Kevin Loughlin said that he and Lynette Thornton, his partner, had taken their eyes off Tom, 4, and Jodi, 6, for a few minutes soon after they arrived at the beach at Holme next the Sea, Norfolk. "We paid the highest price. We lost them both. With the best will in the world I don't think there is a parent in the country who can honestly say that they kept their eye on their children at every moment. We have always been very careful to look after them as best we possibly could. We have never lost them before. I think it was a chance in a million."

Mr Loughlin and Ms Thornton, both 37, remained composed as they spoke of their two-week ordeal before returning to their home in Norwood, south London, for the first time since the tragedy. They said that what had happened to them was like the "opposite end of winning the Lottery".

The children disappeared

## Parents of Tom and Jodi recall fatal trip to beach

from Holme Beach, near Hunstanton, on Sunday, August 18. Jodi's body was found on Friday morning and Tom's on Sunday evening. Both were washed up about 30 miles along the coast, near to the seaside villages of Weybourne and Sheringham.

Mr Loughlin said there was some tiny consolation in the fact that their bodies had been found and that the uncertainty was over.

"At least we know what happened and we have got both of them. They were very close. They played together all the time. At least they have died together. They have not suffered and we can give them a decent burial."

He said the worst part had been the wait and not knowing what had happened to them. They had remained optimistic that the children were alive until Jodi's body was found.

The children had been out of their sight for no more than five minutes and must have



Kevin Loughlin: worst part had been the wait

got into trouble almost immediately after running into the sea. Ms Thornton said: "We still find it incredible to believe that they have drowned. It is very difficult to understand."

Mr Loughlin said that at first they could not rationally see how the children could have drowned in such an apparently calm sea. They had since discovered the tide

at Holme was particularly high when the children vanished and that there were strong currents offshore.

Ms Thornton said the sea had appeared so shallow and calm when they arrived on the beach. "It was just so deceptive. We were duped by it."

Ms Thornton said they were making plans to return home and to arrange the children's funeral. Mr Loughlin said: "I think our immediate plans are just getting back and trying to get back to lead some sort of normal life — whatever normal is now. I am not sure what it is now."

He said they had gone through every detail of their fateful trip. "Sometimes we felt desperate. We have gone through it endlessly. What more can I say? We have been through it more than once with the police." They took some consolation from the fact that Jodi and Tom's last few minutes of life had been spent joyously on holiday on the

beach. "It does help a little because they were having fun. They were happy. Both were happy to be on the beach. And at least they will not have suffered."

He warned parents not to let children out of their sight on beaches for even a few moments. "I think particularly be aware of the dangers on beaches. If you compare it to going to a swimming pool, there is always someone around there. On beaches there may not be, and the worst can happen."

The couple said that Tom should have been starting his first day of school tomorrow. Jodi should also have been returning to school. Ms Thornton said: "We hadn't actually bought all the things Tom needed for school yet. We thought there would be time after the holiday."

Staff from the children's school — Rock Mount Infants in Norwood — where Mr Loughlin is a member of the Parent-Teacher Association, had been in touch with them. They said they had been inundated with cards, flowers and goodwill messages from people in Norfolk and throughout Britain. They also thanked the police for the support and help they had given since the search began.



Jodi and Tom: "They played together all the time"

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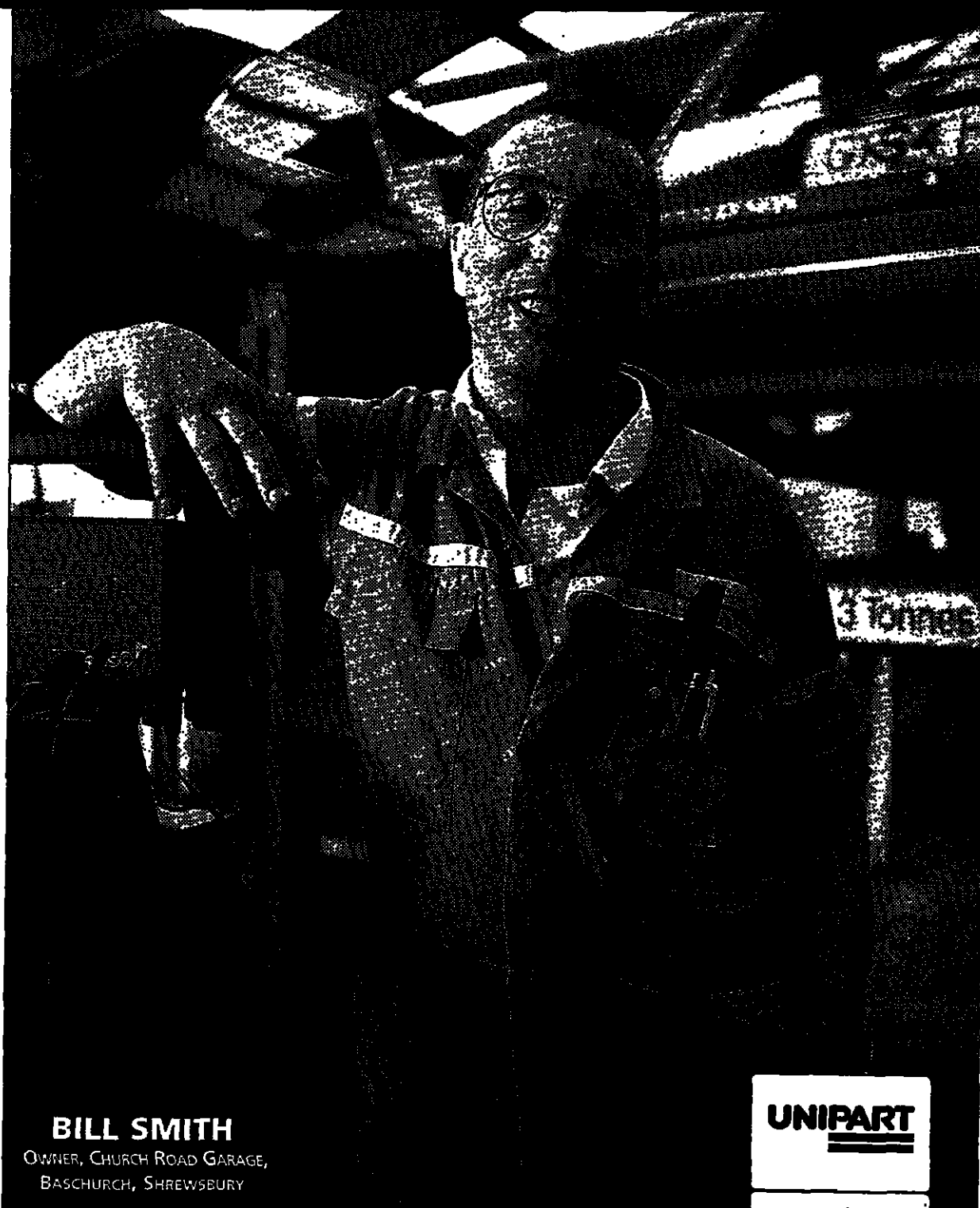
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## Family to donate victim's organs

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE parents of a university student who died after trying to help a distressed woman said their son's death would not be in vain and that his organs would be donated for transplant in accordance with his wishes.

Andrew Poynton, 22, a history and English literature undergraduate, died after being struck on the head in Manchester city centre on Saturday morning. He cracked his skull as he fell and failed to regain consciousness.

Mr Poynton, who died in Manchester Royal Infirmary on Monday night from severe head injuries, was attacked as he returned from a party with Susan Gilbert, his girlfriend. He was confronted by a youth and hit around the head after trying to help a weeping woman he saw in a side street.

Ros and Gordon Poynton, his parents, from Heald Green, Stockport, yesterday issued a statement thanking hospital staff and police. "Andrew's death will not be in vain. We have acted on Andrew's wishes to donate his organs so that others will benefit from this tragedy," they said.

Mr Poynton's older sister, Debbie Schofield, 30, described him as a very special person. "Andy was the best of us all," she said. "He was kind, sensitive, loving and generous and a wonderful friend to everyone."

She said her brother, who was due to return to Staffordshire University this month for his final year, had always championed the rights of the underdog. "Even at junior school he was often commended for stopping people from bullying others." She said she bore no malice towards the woman who Andrew tried to help nor his attacker, both of whom walked away as her brother lay unconscious.

Police are appealing for the man and the distressed woman who appeared to be with him to come forward.

## Editor quits and jobs go in Express shake-up

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

SUE Douglas, the editor of the *Sunday Express*, resigned yesterday as it was announced that 85 journalists would lose their jobs in a merger between the paper and its sister title, the *Daily Express*.

Ms Douglas, 37, who was recently accused of discarding staff like tissue wrappers during a cost-cutting exercise at Express Newspapers, left the Blackfriars headquarters soon after arriving for work yesterday morning. She was said to feel betrayed by a management who hired her only nine months ago. Ms Douglas had been recalled from her holiday in Scotland to hear the news.

Yesterday's merger was seen as a desperate attempt to cut costs and halt nose-diving circulation by the paper's owner, Lord Hollick, the Labour peer. The once mighty *Daily Express*, which employs about 250 staff, had sales of 3.6 million in 1970. The figure is now 1.2 million. Sales of the *Sunday Express*, which has about 130 staff, have also fallen, from 4.2 to 1.2 million.

Stephen Grabiner, chief executive of United Newspapers, said that under the new structure Ms Douglas's job no longer existed. Staff will be streamlined into a single editorial team contributing to both titles and answering to Richard Addis, editor of the *Daily Express*. His deputy editor Ian Monk will be his number two.



Douglas: left yesterday

## Planners compete to rebuild bombed city

BY MARCUS BINNEY

THE multimillion-pound rebuilding of central Manchester after the IRA bombing will take a major step forward today with the announcement of five national and international teams shortlisted to replan the area.

The teams, consisting of architects, urban planners and transport experts, will have a wide brief to suggest ways of bringing life to the city centre and be asked to present a strategy for the next century covering traffic, public transport, new housing as well as premises for 670 businesses.

Owen Luder, president of RIBA, who is a member of the judging panel, said: "I see the opportunity to create a number of very exciting new buildings. Part of the intention is to encourage fresh thinking on the Arndale Centre which forms a huge block of blank walls and unsightly car parking. There

are hardly any trees in the centre and very few open spaces. Traffic is a prime issue. It could be excluded, partially or completely, which could render the centre rather dead at night."

The 3,300lb bomb which exploded in the Arndale on June 15 devastated 49,000 square metres of retail space and 57,000 square metres of office space. The competition winner will be announced on November 1.



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# Catholics face up to 'disbelief' over child sex abuse

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Roman Catholic Church must move from its "culture of disbelief", which has hindered its approach to victims of child sex abuse, to one of openness and honesty, a Church report said yesterday.

Set up in the wake of many child sex abuse scandals, including several involving priests and official church workers, the report says there are still many in the Church who are not fully aware of the "profound and frightening" effects of child sex abuse. The report, by a working party set up by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, insists that the mistaken attitudes of the past, such as secrecy and a refusal to listen, must not prevail.

The report is a significant development in a Church that has been accused of sweeping the issue of child sex abuse under the carpet. Too often bishops have been suspected of simply moving a priest suspected of child sex abuse to another parish. In America and Canada in particular, the Catholic Church's credibility has been seriously under-

mined by a spate of child sex abuse cases.

The working party, which included priests, bishops, doctors and psychologists, met over two years. Their report is the Catholic Church's first attempt to draw up an official policy to help victims of child sex abuse to recover. It is published amid the grim revelations concerning Marc Dutroux in Belgium and makes it clear that child sex abuse within the Church can not be tolerated.

The Church is urged to be available to help all victims of child sex abuse and the report says that there can be no doubt that "when a publicly professed minister of the Church is involved in scandalous activity, the shock is more profound".

The working party was chaired by the Right Rev Terence Brain, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, an archdiocese still recovering from shock among churchgoers at two highly publicised cases of child sex abuse, one of which resulted in the conviction of a Catholic priest, Father Sam

Penney, just over three years ago. In his preface, Bishop Brain describes child sex abuse as "an evil which has deep-rooted effects on those who suffer it".

Launching the report in Birmingham at the National Conference of Priests, an annual meeting of about 80 Catholic priests from dioceses nationwide, Bishop Brain said it was not easy for the Church to help those who had suffered from abuse by a priest. Referring to a visit to one family, he said: "I got absolutely carved up and spat out in pieces by the mother. I didn't go back again for three months. I couldn't find the courage."

He said Church representatives should be prepared simply to go in and listen. "Sometimes we have to face our humanity and it may not be a pretty sight," Father Jim O'Keefe, secretary of the Church's social welfare committee, said. "There has been a culture of silence and disbelief in the nation as a whole. People did not, we did not, fully understand the implications of it."

## Parents of victims 'should be told if paedophiles are freed'

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS of victims of paedophiles would be informed by police when an offender is freed from jail under proposals outlined by Labour yesterday.

Judges would also be given the power to impose an exclusion zone around the child's home in an attempt to stop an offender from trying to contact or pester the youngster.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, is in addition backing plans to put convicted child molesters on supervision for ten years after they are freed from prison. The three

new measures form part of a package aimed at providing additional protection to children from paedophiles.

Mr Straw said: "It is every parent's nightmare that their child should become prey to a paedophile. . . . We have been acutely conscious that this is an area where there may be a conflict between the needs of children and the civil liberties of suspected abusers. In our judgment where there is a serious risk to children their needs must prevail."

The proposals are in response to concern at the

alleged scale of child sex abuse. The National Criminal Intelligence Service has a list of about 4,500 suspected paedophiles and the Police Superintendents' Association estimates that there are about 200 paedophile rings in England and Wales, each containing at least five people.

Labour is to support the Government's plan to create a national register of convicted paedophiles. The measure is expected to form part of a Criminal Justice Bill, which will be introduced in the next session of parliament.



Man in the middle: Carlsberg-Tetley's Thickhead flanked by an array of drinks aimed at the under-30s market. The label breaks guidelines

## Thickhead gives brewers a headache

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A FIZZY, tangerine-flavoured alcoholic gel named Thickhead broke the brewing industry's guidelines at its official launch yesterday. Its label is not sufficiently aimed at adults.

Amid concern that a growing number of "fun" drinks are encouraging teenage drinking, the industry's watchdog told the makers, Carlsberg-Tetley, that an aggressive-looking male on the bottle label looked too young and that the alcoholic content — as fierce as strong lager — needed highlighting.

The brewery admitted its mistake and said the labels would be changed by the end of the month. The drink goes on sale next week in its current format, at £2 a bottle. It is the latest alcoholic carbonate in a fast-growing market, dominated by Hooch and Two Dogs, worth £250 million a year. Leading brands sell 2.5 million bottles and cans each week.

The watchdog Portman Group was organised by leading brewers to police alcoholic carbonates and monitor alcohol abuse. It complained that Carlsberg-Tetley, which also makes Lemonhead and Orangehead, waited until the end of last week to tell them about the product launch. The com-

pany had been guilty of a "serious misjudgment", said Jean Coussins, the watchdog's director.

"Although we think it is good news that they are committed to changing the label, it is bad news that they did not consult with us at an earlier stage. If they want the Code of Practice to retain its credibility, so that self-regulation will work, they have got to sharpen up their act and get things right first time."

The word "alcohol" was written alongside the product name, when it should be underneath. Ms Coussins added: "The label includes a photograph of a young man whom the company say is 30 years old. We think he could be taken as much younger than that. We believe this is exaggerated by a facial expression, one of mock aggression, which is childish rather than adult. Taken together we could anticipate receiving complaints under the Code of Practice, and upholding those complaints."

The code, which specifically prohibits targeting under-age drinkers, was written earlier this year. Carlsberg-Tetley claim the drink has been misrepresented by the media as the alcoholic equivalent of a sherbet dab.



Wright at the launch: claimed man on the label was aged 30

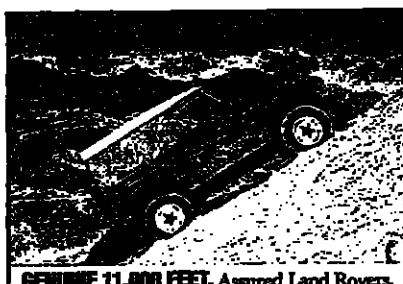
of carbonated bubbles in the mouth".

Tom Wright, the brewery's research and development director, claimed research showed that fruit drinks had now replaced tea as the nation's favourite drink. "You can't argue with the fact that palates in the 18 to 35s are changing and we are responding to that. We support the Portman Group 100 per cent and after consultation with them we decided to make the change. The man in the picture is actually 30 years' old. These are relatively small changes."

The marketing phenomenon of "alco-pops" has provoked serious alarm that youngsters are being accustomed to alcohol too young. In January the Advertising Standards Authority ruled that Hooper's Hooch should drop a cartoon character from its logo after complaints.

Nigel Griffiths, Labour consumer affairs spokesman, called on Carlsberg-Tetley to withdraw its stocks from sale until the product complied with the code. He also wants an independent inquiry into the marketing of "alco-pops".

Mark Bennett, of Alcohol Concern, said: "Products like this, which are more clearly based on childish culture, are going to appeal to children. It should be withdrawn."



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# Parents to be involved in testing five-year-olds

PARENTS are to be questioned by teachers about their children's abilities before they start school. Under government plans to test all five-year-olds, from 1998 children in their first term will be assessed in reading, writing and arithmetic, with details about their social and physical development being provided by parents.

There are no plans for league tables based on grades but the information will be used to plan and chart their progress. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said yesterday. She emphasised that infants would not face formal but would be assessed by teachers, in close co-operation with parents, during their first term. National curricu-

**Gillian Shephard believes that the compulsory assessment of infants will help schools to plan and chart their progress, David Charter writes**

lums tests and league tables for older children have been criticised for not showing the "value added" to pupils, a charge likely to be intensified when test results for 11-year-olds are published for the first time in March. An eventual solution could be to use the five-year-olds' results to chart progress through the later tests.

Mrs Shephard said: "At the moment we do not plan at all that this should form part of performance tables. What is important is

that schools should have as much information as possible about the ability and achievement of children they take in, so that later on, when children take national tests, some judgment can be made about what schools have achieved."

Parents would get a clear picture of their child's strengths and weaknesses to help to plan extra learning at home. The sample of 10,000 pupils would show school and parents how children compared to their peers. The Government is

clearly hoping the tests will encourage much greater participation by parents in their children's education. Sir Ron Dearing, the Government's chief curriculum adviser, said parents would be sent questionnaires on their children's ability before they started school. They would ask for evidence of the children's ability to recognise letters, count up to ten and show manual dexterity, for example by tying shoelaces. They might have to draw a picture, showing they recognised the difference between a man and a woman.

Sir Ron added: "We believe particular emphasis should be placed on the need for baseline assessment to involve parents actively in the process, both as

recipients of the information and also in the assessments themselves. In the longer term, we believe the introduction of baseline assessment on a national scale provides an unparalleled opportunity to mount a campaign to involve parents more closely in their children's education. The benefits of this would be substantial in terms of a society more committed to learning."

Three schemes will be piloted this term by 360 schools, recording varying degrees of information about children. One gives marks out of ten for basic literacy and numeracy skills; another asks teachers to grade children from A to C according to set targets for language, mathematical, physical

and social skills and knowledge and understanding of the world; the third allows teachers to describe children's achievements.

About half of local authorities already carry out some formal assessment of new pupils but the Government is aiming for a national framework by 1998. All schools will be asked to volunteer for one assessment from next September, a year before a national scheme becomes compulsory.

Mrs Shephard said results from an annual sample of 10,000 children would allow the establishment of a national mean performance so that schools could gauge their own standards.

Teaching unions said they would oppose an increase in their work-

load because of the assessments. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said he welcomed the introduction of baseline assessment as it would allow local education authorities and schools to develop their own accredited schemes. "But the Government must not change its mind and introduce tests after the end of the consultation. I do not want to see such assessments become unmanageable and produce excessive workload because of government requirements."

The Professional Association of Teachers said the publication of results would amount to socially divisive "league tables of parents".

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## Pupils will be graded for ability in three Rs

CHILDREN will be graded for their abilities in reading, writing and arithmetic in all three of the proposed schemes for testing five-year-olds. The most basic scheme, modelled on one developed by the Conservative London borough of Wandsworth, awards marks out of ten for both English and mathematics.

Teachers will record whether or not children meet five criteria in both reading and writing. Those include:

□ Recognising at least 15 letters by shape and sound when they are randomly presented on paper.

□ Matching spoken to written words in a familiar passage. For example, the teacher may ask them to point to the word "teddy" in the book and ask the child: "What does this word say?"

□ Reading familiar words in different contexts, for example, recognising their own name in a story, or words around the classroom such as "boys", "girls", "teacher".

□ Reading simple passages not from memory.

□ Writing his or her name with upper and lower-case letters.

□ Hearing sounds and writing letters in sequence, for example, in more complex words like "garden" is able to write "grdn" or "gdn".

□ Attempting to write simple sentences such as "Bob is under the tree".

□ Trying to spell unfamiliar words.

The ten criteria in mathematics include:

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□ Ordering objects by size, for example, arranging an apple, a bag and a shoe according to weight, height, width, length and volume.

□ Identifying position in sequences. For example, which children in a queue or cars in a traffic jam are third, fifth, etc?

□ Counting out sets of ten objects, and recognising the numerals 0 to 9.

□ Adding and subtracting, using objects such as books.

One of the two more detailed assessments being piloted, based on a scheme being run by Labour-controlled Birmingham City Council, asks the teacher to place the child in categories of A, B or C depending on how best they match descriptions

of achievement, where B would be average achievement at that age. The areas covered include personal and social development, knowledge and understanding of the world, and both physical and creative development, as well as mathematics and language skills.

An A grade in mathematics would be awarded for counting up to ten and adding, subtracting and solving problems with ten objects. B grade would be for recognising the numbers one to ten and "showing awareness" of skills such as adding and subtracting. C grade would be given if the child recognises some numbers and is beginning to count everyday objects.

In language, an A would be given for recognising familiar words in passages and saying what he or she likes about stories, a B for knowing print is read from left to right and top to bottom and recognising their own name, and a C for beginning to understand meaning in books and talking about the pictures.

In physical development, A would be for planning and linking simple skills, with and without apparatus, to form short sequences of movement. B is for using a range of gym equipment and climbing apparatus with increasing skill, and C for starting to explore the use of small and large equipment, sometimes able to control physical movements.

Dearing: wants parents more closely involved



Children at Priors Marston school, which has been saved from closure

## Fortitude of five generations saves village school

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE inaugural class of 1946 would have been proud of their fifth-generation successors yesterday when the village school at Priors Marston, Warwickshire, opened for the new term.

The bell rang for 14 pupils aged between four and eight at the end of a successful £40,000 campaign by parents and local businesses to keep the school open.

The education authority announced last year that it would have to close the Church of England school but villagers opposed plans to send their children to a new one two miles away. Founded 150 years ago, Priors Marston was closed with 13 other rural schools at the end of last month as a result of county council reorganisation.

Parents, some of whose families had attended for five generations, fought the decision and, with the approval of the Church authorities, set about raising funds to keep it open. It now has charitable status as a non-fee-paying independent institution. Money raised by donations is only enough to keep the school open for one year but David Adams, chairman of the school appeal fund, believes the village will ensure its future is safe.

Mr Adams said: "Everyone has worked very, very hard to make today possible and we

are all delighted. But we realise this is just the beginning."

He added: "We now already have people who have pledged donations for four years but we still need more."

Brenda Edwards, the newly appointed head teacher, said she had been overwhelmed by the generosity of local people. "It is a lovely atmosphere here and I am privileged to be a part of it," she said. "Today is the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated people."

Mary Forsyth, a pensioner and former pupil who has lived in Priors Marston all her life, said she was delighted that her grand-daughter would be able to attend the school. "I am absolutely thrilled," she said. "It would have been a tragedy if the school had closed."

Ann-Marie Brown, whose five-year-old daughter Amy is a pupil, said: "I first came to live in the village when I was eight. My grandfather was a pupil at the school. Some families have connections going back generations."

Peter Thompson, central area schools officer for Warwickshire, said: "We had a look at the demand and supply of places in the community and reached the view that it would be more sensible that the two villages should have a bigger school. We wish the school well."

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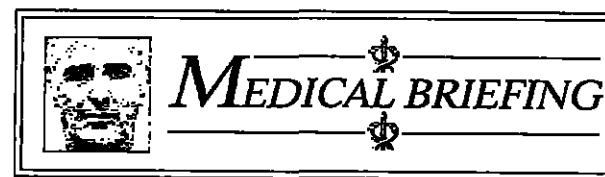
## Lost romance of 'hop picker's wrist'

HOP-PICKING machines have robbed the hopfields of most of their romance and but for mechanisation there would have been a great exodus from the East End of London today to the hopfields of Kent.

The hop pickers — mainly women, children and the elderly, for able-bodied men went down only at weekends — lived in ramshackle camps attached to the farms until the picking was over. The absence of good order and military discipline in the way the huts were run would have given a sergeant-major apoplexy.

The poor housing, limited sanitation and plumbing together with the primitive cooking facilities inevitably produced medical casualties. To ease the strain on the local health services, medical students, carefully supervised, ran makeshift surgeries. For students who did not come from a medical background the hopfields were often their first experience of general practice and family medicine. As well as treating coughs and colds, chest infections and tummy upsets, the students dealt with minor injuries and in a good summer numerous cases of sunburn.

Hop pickers had a few particular diseases special to their occupation. They were liable to develop a repetitive strain injury, worse than anything seen in a modern office.



which was officially known as "hop picker's wrist" but referred to very inaccurately by the Eastenders as hopper's gout. Attacks of acute gout were common but followed the Saturday night parties given to celebrate the visit of the men. It was the stripping action performed by the wrist as hop leaves were separated from stalks that induced a tenosynovitis of the tendons at the back of the wrist which every time they were moved creaked like old leather. The wrist and forearm became inflamed and swollen and hop picking had to be abandoned.

Hops, too, caused skin sensitisation. Many of the pickers developed an allergy to the irritant effect of the chemicals in hops. In people vulnerable to the hops the skin of the hands initially became red and scaly and later blistered before becoming ulcerated. If the pickers who had hop allergy scratched their faces the juice of the hop leaves caused contact dermatitis on their faces and their eyes became weepy and swollen. Men with hop allergy could suffer an even worse fate if

they did not wash their hands before going to the lavatory: the resulting contact dermatitis could give rise to a painful and embarrassing inflammation technically known as *Dermatitis venenata*. Other pickers sensitive to hop dust, and who inhaled it, could develop a disabling wheeze.

The most interesting medical phenomenon to be seen on the hopfields was the occasional case of hop narcosis. Some people have a familial sensitivity to the fumes given off by hops and rapidly become uncontrollably sleepy if subjected to them: even stirring the hops in the bin could cause anyone who is affected to appear drunk and stuporous.

Hops have been valued in herbal medicine for almost as long as they have been used to give British beer its distinct taste. Hops have sedative and sleep-inducing powers even to those people who are not abnormally sensitive to them: they are therefore often prescribed to treat such conditions as tension headaches. Apart from their effect on the central nervous system, extracts of hops are also believed to have fungicidal and antibacterial properties.

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# Major's wife strides into new role as campaign trooper

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

NORMA MAJOR completed her transformation from caricature of the Huntingdonshire housewife to political partner when she appeared at her husband's side in Scotland last night.

Mrs Major will now take a prominent role in the build-up to the general election. She has been assigned a public relations aide and will accompany her husband throughout his two-week tour of Britain.

One reason for her emergence into the political spotlight is to alarm the Blairs, who are nervous about pushing Cherie into the limelight. Labour worries that voters will find it difficult to identify with Mrs Blair, who makes £200,000 a year as a barrister, and will be suspicious that she is trying to emulate the strident Hillary Clinton.

In contrast Mrs Major is clearly not aiming to take control of healthcare and with her sympathetic smile, belief in family values and apparent common sense, she appeals to Middle England. Tory strategists are convinced that she will be a huge electoral asset.

Yet six years ago she stood awkwardly on the steps of 10 Downing Street when her husband became Prime Minister. She looked uncomfortable eating vol-au-vents with foreign dignitaries and she refused to become a clothes horse for British fashion.

Everyone soon assumed that she was a terrified housewife who was desperate to get

back to her Teasmade. But her friends say that the press's image of her as a shrinking violet is ludicrous. This is a former head girl who has written a very well received book on the opera diva Joan Sutherland and has just finished her second on the Prime Minister's country home, Chequers. She is one of the few people who have made Boris Yeltsin laugh, is happy to discuss German literature with Chancellor Kohl and in private is poised and self-possessed. Far from distancing herself from her husband, she became his bedrock.

Mrs Major has admitted that she hated it when her husband became Foreign Secretary and then Chancellor. Their marriage, which had worked well while Mr Major was a backbencher, came under huge pressure.

When he telephoned her to say that he had been made Foreign Secretary she said she felt physically sick and the shock made her lose more than a stone in weight. With his hectic schedule, she hardly ever saw him. "Norma felt she had been hit by a whirlwind. She felt she was losing him — more importantly losing her grip on life," a friend said. "Even in bed he was reading his red boxes."

She gradually got used to the grandeur of Downing Street but never to the press. The more journalists harangued her husband and made catny comments about

her laddered thighs, the less prepared she was to smile artificially for the cameras. She hated the disloyalty of Mr Major's colleagues and, friends say, he was not the only one to talk of bastards.

But everything changed last year when Mr Major called the leadership election. She was furious at the way the party was backstabbing her husband. She had begun to enjoy being the political first lady. She liked to joke that she no longer had to shoot rabbits from her bedroom window as she had a security fence to keep animals and journalists away. She was not about to let Mr Major be trampled on.

She fought side by side with him during the "put up or shut up" campaign. Her friend Baroness Blatch said: "She too had suffered a relentless battering. She also felt the injustice of the criticism and she came out battling."

Mrs Major has made it clear that now she is happy to escort her husband around the country on her terms. Unlike many high-powered Tory wives, she really enjoys talking to Tory supporters over coffee and listening to their grievances as well as swapping recipes and gardening tips, and they all warm to her. She will still refuse to do public speaking but she is prepared to smile for the camera lens, has taken make-up lessons and has a professional new wardrobe.



Norma Major leaving Downing Street to join her husband on his round-Britain tour

## Devolution plan a 'steeplechase of stupidity'

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR launched the Tory party's autumn political campaign last night with a blistering attack on Labour's policies on the social chapter, devolution and the "tartan tax".

Speaking in Glasgow at the start of a two-week regional tour with his wife, Norma, the Prime Minister claimed that opening into the social chapter would open the floodgates to many extra costs for businesses. He also said that Labour's "tartan tax" would cost families in Scotland £330 a year, and derided its devolution proposals as a "steeplechase of stupidity" that could destroy democracy.

Labour was in favour of the social chapter, he said, because the party believed that it would "deliver what the trade unions want by the backdoor". But Labour would be unable to pick and choose from the social chapter. "They obviously haven't read the social chapter's small print. I have, and I can tell you that once in, there's no way out."

He also argued that Labour's proposal for a minimum wage would lead to inflation, job losses and prevent youngsters looking for work.

Mr Major, who is to campaign in Derbyshire and Lancashire over the next two days before visiting the South West

next week, also warned the public not to throw away the achievements of the Tory Government. He said the transformation in Scotland's fortunes had been breathtaking, with billions of pounds in job-creating investment, backed

by low inflation, lower taxes and low costs.

"These didn't appear by magic. Getting here meant taking tough decisions, some of them politically unpopular," he said. "But these hard-won achievements are easy to lose. They can be thrown away if it's lulled into believing the soft sell that many politicians love to peddle."

The Government's determination to keep labour costs and other costs down played a big part in attracting foreign investment, giving Britain a "sharp competitive edge". "I'm not prepared to put it at risk by signing up to the social chapter, to open the floodgates to a whole raft of expensive burdens on business."

Mr Major, addressing a dinner audience at the Glasgow Hilton, reserved his strongest words for Labour's plans for a Scottish parliament, including two referendums. Scots would now be asked in a second poll to "impale themselves, their jobs... and their competitiveness on the stake of the tartan tax". If implemented this would see "discriminatory income tax" in Scotland 15 per cent higher than the rest of Britain.

"This policy has now turned into farce. It's more suitable for London's West End. It is an absurdity, a nonsense."

Labour's plans put jobs, incomes, investment and a bright future at risk, he said. "New taxes and no Britain — that's no bargain for Scotland."

## Norma shows no sign of seeking a place on the political stage

By PETER RIDDELL

NORMA MAJOR is not about to become Hillary Clinton, nor is Cherie Blair. The wives of British party leaders have been expected to be publicly supportive — but not politically involved — at their husband's side at important moments but not participants. The very idea of a First Lady

is anyway anathema in a country with a Queen as sovereign for 44 years.

The role of political wives has, however, changed over the past two decades. Before then, they were mainly hostesses or helping in the background: in the case of Violet Attlee being an erratic driver for her husband during election campaigns. Some, such

as Clemmie Churchill, had opinions of their own but they were strictly for their friends and family. Lady Dorothy Macmillan partially atoned for her longstanding affair with Robert Boothby by her skill and popularity with her husband's local party workers and constituents.

Until the 1970s, many wives of successful men did not seek

careers of their own and concentrated on raising families, and then public service. Mary Wilson and Audrey Callaghan were, and are, highly intelligent women, but neither sought a political voice of their own. Although they appeared with their husbands during party conferences and elections, they were not treated as campaign assets to be highlighted and promoted.

Nowadays more political wives in their 30s and 40s have careers, often earning more than their husbands. Most have kept their careers separate from their husband's political activities. That has so far been easy for wives of Cabinet ministers, but is harder for those of party leaders. This might have been a problem for Glens Kinnock if Labour had won in 1987 or 1992 since she was active on Third World and women's issues while her husband was Labour leader. But she is now

free to pursue her career as an MEP.

British politics has become more "presidential" if only on the focus on the personalities and families of the leaders. The wives have become public figures, whether they like it or not. Sir Denis Thatcher succeeded at this balancing act, disguising his blunt gin-and-tonic conservatism behind his cultivated bluff image.

Mrs Major's presence alongside her husband dur-

ing his regional tours is different in degree rather than kind from previous activities of spouses. She is there to complement her husband, not to establish her own political identity. However impressed British media advisers may have been by Liddy Dole's talk-show performance or Hillary Clinton's speech about children, they know they could not get away with them here. There is no suggestion that Mrs Major or Mrs

Blair should speak at party conferences or, when at political gatherings, should be anything other than cheerleaders for their husbands.

Mrs Major has never been politically active, but Mrs Blair deliberately decided to step back from the political arena even though she was chosen as a Labour candidate before her husband. The more rabid Tory tabloids have unsuccessfully tried to depict her as a British version

of Hillary Clinton, picking on anything she says or does however innocuous. But as a highly successful barrister it is harder for her to keep entirely out of the public eye, or controversy.

The career woman as Prime Minister's wife is still unfamiliar to British eyes. The public may want to know more about a spouse now — or so the press believes — but they do not want a wife who is on the political stage herself.



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## Whitehall faces £75m race bias claims

By VALERIE ELLIOTT  
WHITEHALL EDITOR

A TWO-YEAR drive in Whitehall to increase the number of black and Asian people entering the higher echelons of the Civil Service threatens to land the Government with a £75 million compensation bill. Thousands of graduates who failed to gain an interview for the Civil Service's "fast stream" appointments in 1993 and 1994 could now decide to sue the Government on the ground of racial discrimination. The development comes after a decision by the Recruitment and Assessment Service to reach an out-of-court settlement with Lucy Neame, a 27-year-old white woman, who claimed she had been treated differently in the selection test from candidates from ethnic groups.

According to Cabinet Office figures there were 18,900 applicants to the Civil Service "fast stream" in 1993 and 1994, of whom 1,565 were from ethnic groups. The Government has now abandoned its preferential treatment for black people in the selection test, but wants to broaden the intake from ethnic groups into the Civil Service. Civil Service recruitment and promotion practices are, however, still being investigated by the Commission for Racial Equality.

Ms Neame reached the qualifying stage of selection for the administrative "fast stream" programme in 1994 but failed the selection test even though she ranked 1,189 out of the 7,500 entrants that year.

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**BY JEREMY LAURANCE**  
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# Boot camps 'do not reduce reoffending'

**BY JEREMY LAURANCE**

However there was no evidence that the harsh regime had a deterrent effect. Ms Hudson said: "Offenders coming into the camps think they will have no trouble completing the programme. The inmates actually become more positive towards the regime and the staff than in prison but this may have more to do with the therapy or rehabilitation on offer. Some have alcohol or drug problems and become the healthiest they have been in the camps."

Psychopaths are psychologically damaged individuals with anti-social, chronically unstable personalities who

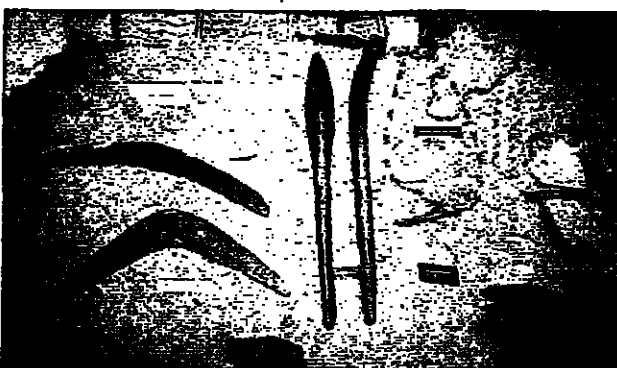
Professional men who rape deserve longer prison sentences than men who are unemployed or from lower social classes, according to a public opinion survey conducted at Kent University. The study found the degree to which the victim had put herself at risk made no difference to the culpability attributed to the assailant.



# Captain Cook museum removes exhibits that offended Aborigine

**BY RUSSELL JENKINS**

The exhibits had been donated by the now defunct Australian Aboriginal Arts Board when the museum opened in 1979 to commemorate the bi-centenary of Cook's death. An estimated three million visitors have passed the display cabinets containing the items. Yesterday Mike Clark, a spokesman for Middlesbrough council, said of their removal: "Our reaction



## Clash of cultures: Captain Cook and the Aborigine display at the museum

The museum is shortly to close for a refurbishment funded by a National Lottery grant of £800,000. Mr Clark said there was a desire not to shut down "on a sour note".

Mr Edney, 28, visited the museum as part of video project. He said: "These items are sacred to the Aborigine culture and should not be on display. They were taken by force and should be returned."

The row highlights a continuing controversy among museums over the display of sensitive material. The Museum Association is currently

A spokesman said: "The museum is conscious of the issues. The more sensitive material is withheld from exhibition and made available for study only to bona fide researchers."

The lavatories of the Gulbenkian Studio Theatre in Newcastle-upon-Tyne will be among the venues for an experimental one-woman show by Jane Sanders entitled *England's Glory* about Briton



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# Two bodies found in Belgian sex case house

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

**BELGIAN** police unearthed the remains of two people yesterday at a house owned by Marc Dutroux, the paedophile whose confession of kidnapping and torturing young girls triggered a sense of national crisis.

After five days of digging with heavy equipment, the police found bones identified as belonging to two bodies under the concrete floor of a shed adjoining the house at Jumelet, near Charleroi. Dutroux, 39, told the police last week that an accomplice had buried at the property the bodies of two girls. An Marchal, 17, and Eerie Lambrechts, 19, as well as those of three others. Superintendent John Bennett, the officer who led the excavations at the Gloucester home of Fred and Rosemary West, has been using British "ground radar" at the site to help the Belgian police.

Michel Bourlet, the chief prosecutor in the case, said that it would take time to

identify the remains. Belgian television showed a skull among the bones, which appeared to be charred.

Dutroux, a convicted child rapist, told prosecutors that he had kidnapped the two teenagers in Ostend last August. He admitted killing Bernard Weinstein, his accomplice, last year. Weinstein's body was found at Dutroux's main home, buried beside those of Melissa Russo and Julie Lejeune, two eight-year-olds who starved to death in Dutroux's captivity while he was detained in jail earlier this year on car theft charges.

Dutroux's wife Michèle, a former schoolteacher and mother of three, is reported to have told prosecutors that she had failed to feed the two girls while her husband was in jail. She is one of nine other people charged in connection with the killings and kidnappings.

The affair, which has created a sense of national trauma in Belgium, began when the



Human remains are removed yesterday from a property near Charleroi belonging to Marc Dutroux, the Belgian paedophile

police rescued two other girls from Dutroux's cells last month. Intense public anger has been focused on the authorities' failure to take earlier action against Dutroux despite many reports of his suspicious behaviour, some from police investigators. Dutroux and his alleged accomplices are being held in the eastern town of Arlon. Prison officers are observing them

every seven minutes and switching on the lights at night to ensure that they do not try to take their own lives. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, announced measures last week aimed at ensuring that there could be no repeat of the authorities' failure to stop Dutroux, who was released in 1992 after only three years in prison out of a term of 13 years for kidnapp-

ing and raping young girls. The police have found trench-like cells allegedly for holding kidnapped children in one of Dutroux's houses and seized more than 300 paedophile pornographic videotapes, some featuring Dutroux himself, as well as magazines, children's clothing and a gun. The hunt for missing girls has spread abroad. Belgian police have visited Slovakia

and the Czech Republic and have contacted colleagues in Austria and Germany. Several other Belgian girls have disappeared in recent years. Their files are all now pooled in Neuchâteau, nerve centre of an international paedophile hunt. However, an eight-year-old Zairean girl who disappeared in Liège on Monday was found safe yesterday. She had run away.

Seville: The prosecutor in this Spanish city has asked that 48 people suspected of paedophilia-related crimes, including a former judge and an actor, should be brought to trial, judicial sources said yesterday. The suspects' activities had been uncovered last year after the discovery of a ring that used children as prostitutes and sold pornographic material. (AFP)

## WORLD SUMMARY

### Hijacker frees 150 from jet

**Varna, Bulgaria:** A lone Palestinian hijacker seized a Bulgarian charter plane on a flight from Beirut yesterday but released all 150 passengers at the airport here before ordering the jet to Oslo.

The plane took off for Oslo at 1810 (1510 GMT), a Varna air traffic controller said.

The hijacker, named as Nadir Abdulah, seized the Tu150 aircraft 15 minutes before it landed at Varna, near the Black Sea coast. He freed the passengers but kept the crew on board.

The hijacker entered the crew cabin with a bomb and demanded to continue the flight to Helsinki or to Oslo, an official said. (Reuters)

### Suu Kyi aide's jail term doubled

**Rangoon:** Burma's military rulers have doubled to 14 years the prison sentence on pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's personal assistant, dissident leaders said. Win Htein, a former army captain, was arrested in May when the junta detained 362 of Daw Suu Kyi's supporters to derail a congress of her National League for Democracy. He was sentenced in May to seven years for allegedly taking part in a conspiracy to smuggle out a videotape purporting to show the failure of the summer rice crop. (AP)

### Age of consent 'should be ten'

**Harare:** Buhle Neube, technical services director of the Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council, wants the country's age of consent lowered to ten years. She said the present minimum age of 16 was too high, since many children below that age were sexually active irrespective of the law but were not allowed free contraceptives. "What do we do with those children who come in their school uniforms asking for contraceptives?" Ms Neube asked. (AFP)

### Hutu rebels attack garrison

**Bujumbura:** Hutu rebels launched a big attack on an army garrison and local government headquarters in northwestern Burundi. Lieutenant-Colonel Isaac Nibizi reported that many people had been killed, including the local administrator. He said fighting was continuing at the Gahombo commune between Kayanza and Ngozi and army reinforcements were being sent in. (Reuters)

### Blast devastates Algiers hotel

**Algiers:** A huge bomb blast at a hotel in central Algiers, blamed on armed Islamic extremists at war with Algeria's military regime, killed at least one person and injured ten others, officials said. According to a radio report, the blast was caused by a car bomb. The Hotel d'Angleterre, a multi-storey building, was devastated. (AFP)

### Bear rips off boy's arm at zoo

**Bucharest:** A bear ripped off a five-year-old boy's arm at a zoo in Timisoara, western Romania, after the child tried to feed him, a newspaper reported. The boy was pulled to safety by his 12-year-old sister, but she was attacked by a second bear in the cage, which broke her arm. (AFP)

## Mother Teresa says 'I am fit'

**Calcutta:** Feeling fit and cheerful, Mother Teresa is pressing to leave hospital, but doctors said yesterday that she must first regain more strength after her two-week fight against malaria and pneumonia.

"She is pressing us every day to release her," said S.K. Sen, medical director at Calcutta's Woodlands Nursing Home, where the Nobel Peace Prize winner has been admitted for a fortnight. "It is virtually a tug of war every day, and every day we are telling her that we are going to release her tomorrow."

"I am fit enough," Dr Sen quoted Mother Teresa, 86, as saying. "Nothing will happen to me. I have a pacemaker." She was fitted with a pacemaker in 1989. (Reuters)

## Protesters at Pope's French visit plant bomb in church

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

**POLICE** have defused a homemade bomb planted in a church where the Pope is due to pray during his visit to France later this month.

No one has claimed responsibility for the explosive device, but police believe it was intended as a protest against the papal visit, which has provoked intense controversy in France.

The bomb was discovered on Monday night on a saint's tomb in the basilica of Saint-Laurent-sur-Sevre, the village 35 miles east of Nantes where the Pope is due to pray on September 19 at the start of his four-day trip. A slogan attack-

ing the visit was scrawled on a wall nearby, police said. It said: "Pope-Pope-BOOM!"

Police said the bomb, made from builders' material, was planted at the weekend on the tomb of Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, an 18th-century missionary, by someone who broke in through a window and lit the fuse before escaping. The bomb partially exploded.

The device was intended to be destructive, but those responsible do not seem to have been aiming at people since they blocked access to the basilica by placing tables behind the door," a spokesman for the local prefecture said.

Hundreds of French Roman Catholics have demanded to

be "de baptised" to demonstrate their anger over the Vatican's conservative stance on issues such as Aids, contraception and abortion. Although the Roman Catholic Church has no provision for reversing baptism, several bishops have agreed to remove protesters' names from their registers.

Other groups have criticised the French Government's decision to oversee celebrations marking the 1,500th anniversary of the baptism of the Frankish King Clovis, arguing that as a secular state France should not be celebrating a strictly religious event. The Pope will celebrate Mass at Rheims cathedral to mark the anniversary.

## Singapore imprisons Ecstasy smuggler

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN SINGAPORE

**A DUTCH** man was jailed for six years and given ten strokes of the cane here yesterday for smuggling the recreational drug Ecstasy while en route to Indonesia.

Ton Alling, 48, a driving instructor from The Hague, was convicted of importing the drug into Singapore after a two-day trial. He was arrested at Changi airport in June for possessing more than 2,200 Ecstasy pills concealed in cigarette packs.

The judge said the sentence was needed to "send a signal that this country will deal harshly with any person" who violates its drug laws.

Alling is the first foreigner to be jailed here for smuggling Ecstasy, a mildly hallucinogenic amphetamine favoured by disco-goers. He has ten days to appeal. He told police that he had been given the pills by a friend who claimed they were medicine and asked him to deliver them to someone in Indonesia.

Ecstasy is a controlled drug in Singapore, where authorities have expressed increasing concern over its popularity. It has become the drug of choice among affluent youths in the city-state, where trafficking in more established drugs like heroin, cannabis and morphine is punishable by death.

In 1994 a row broke out between Singapore and The Netherlands over the hanging of Johannes van Damme, a Dutch engineer, for drug trafficking.

In Indonesia yesterday, the highest Islamic authority said it would declare the drug as *haram* or forbidden for consumption by Muslims. The Indonesian Council of Ulama also called on the Government to impose heavier punishment against pushers and dealers of Ecstasy. At present it is not considered a dangerous drug and traffickers face only a charge of bringing in chemical drugs without a permit.

## Hong Kong's top judge to stand for Chief Executive job

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

**THE** announcement by Sir Ti Liang Yang, Hong Kong's Chief Justice, that he is a candidate for the post of Chief Executive to succeed Chris Patten, the Governor, on July 1, 1997, is the latest bizarre event in the run-up to China's resumption of sovereignty.

Sir Ti Liang told Mr Patten on Sunday that he would accept the nomination for the post by Xu Simin, a pro-Peking publisher in Hong Kong, and yesterday Government House issued a terse statement announcing the Chief Justice's impending resignation and notably making no statement of regret or good wishes.

Almost at once Allen Lee, a pro-China legislator, said that he thought few of his colleagues would support Sir Ti Liang's candidacy. A few months ago a Chinese official in the colony disclosed that Sir Ti Liang had stated at a dinner party that he thought Britain's Bill of Rights ordinance was illegal.

The Chinese move to humiliate Hong Kong's top legal figure resulted in a thinly disguised order to Sir Ti Liang from Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary, to explain himself. He did so, but rather lamely.

However, Sir Ti Liang has always been mentioned as a possible candidate for Chief

Executive. One of his main rivals is Ms Chan who, although the public's overwhelming favourite, is unlikely to be appointed by Peking because of more than 30 years of service in the colonial Government.

The two other candidates are T. S. Loh, a successful lawyer, educated in Britain and widely described here as too eager for the job and too obviously linked to Peking, which has not spoken in his favour, and C. H. Tung, a shipping tycoon and former member of Mr Patten's Executive Council, who is the front-runner despite having not declared his candidacy.

Mr Tung, who was saved from bankruptcy in the 1980s by a loan arranged by Peking, is thought to be having second thoughts because of concerns over the running of his shipping empire should his candidacy succeed.

What depresses many in Hong Kong is that neither Mr Tung nor Sir Ti Liang has expressed a comprehensive political philosophy. Mr Tung is seen as being in China's camp because he is a member of the 150-member Preparatory Committee handpicked by Peking to oversee the formation of the next administration. Martin Lee, leader of the Democrats, the largest party in the Legislative Council, said that Sir Ti Liang's candidacy is "a farce... When Peking gives the nod, that's the person".

On Sunday, the Hong Kong Bar Association declared illegal China's decision to abolish the elected Legislative Council on July 1 next year and replace it with an appointed "provisional" one.

Peking: China yesterday agreed to allow Mr Patten to take part in the Hong Kong handover ceremony. Jeremy Hanley, the Minister for Hong Kong and the Middle East, said Lu Ping, China's top official in the colony, has declared he looked forward to shaking the Governor's hand at the event next year. (AFP)



Sir Ti Liang: candidacy described as "a farce"

## Sinister lake takes seven more lives

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

**RESIDENTS** of a small town in the American South have called for a "haunted" lake to be filled in after the second strange multiple drowning there in two years.

The John D. Long Lake near Union, South Carolina, first gained prominence two years ago when Susan Smith killed her two young sons by driving them and her car into the lake. The youngsters were strapped into their seats and drowned. At first Mrs Smith pretended that it was an accident, but it became one of the murder cases of the decade and she was found guilty and imprisoned for life.

Disaster returned over the Labour Day weekend when a Chevrolet Suburban vehicle

containing five people inexplicably fell into the lake. All the occupants died, as did two would-be rescuers.

The Chevrolet's automatic gearbox was set to "park" and there were no skid marks. The car's dead owner was Tim Phillips, an air-conditioning company worker, who drove to the lake with his family after a barbecue to look at two monuments built in memory of the Smith children.

The headlights were still shining when rescue workers arrived to recover the bodies of Phillips, his three young children and another child. Mrs Phillips and another adult who dived into the waters in a rescue attempt also died.



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# Chechen surgeon saves lives with household thread and a bottle of vodka

THE Chechen blood feud begins without warning and in no time embroils my companion Aslanbek, a young Chechen surgeon.

A policeman in Nadterechnaya, north of Grozny, stabs Aslanbek's cousin in a quarrel, then flees. Aslanbek and the rest of his family are summoned by his father to their home in the ruined capital. They cannot rely on the city's depleted medical resources and want the surgeon to operate on his cousin's stomach wound.

Compared with past experiences in Grozny, the operation is fairly civilised, in that it involves anaesthetic and surgical implements. Aslanbek then drives his patient to a hospital in the neighbouring



Anthony Loyd reports from Grozny on the difficulties of practising medicine in the middle of Russian bombardments, fire and blood feuds

state of Ingushetia. Meanwhile, senior members of the policeman's family approach those of his victim and offer money to save off retribution. It is not good enough. They are told to produce the culprit within a week or else his father or uncle will be killed.

"One week," Aslanbek muses. "They are lucky. That leaves a lot of time to find him. We cannot

accept money to replace him trying to kill our cousin.

Aslanbek is no stranger to impromptu work. He was working as a surgeon in Dubai when his family recalled him to Grozny ten months ago. A loyalist to the Chechen separatist cause, he was called out at night to treat Chechen fighters, operating in a variety of adverse situations. But it is only

when he shows me his last improvised surgery that I really understand the meaning of "adverse".

The stone cellar complex of three rooms in central Grozny was used as a shelter by 150 civilians during the fighting that came after the rebel operation to take and hold Grozny last month. Situated next to the Russian intelligence building, it became the epicentre for much of the combat.

There was not enough room for everybody to sit, let alone lie down, for the six days they were trapped in the cellars, so the civilians took turns sitting in corners. Space was cleared in the centre of one room for a table, upon which Aslanbek operated on the wounded using

vodka, household thread and a single scalpel.

The shelling outside was very heavy and it was extremely dangerous to go out, even though we were short of water," Aslanbek said. "One man tried it and came back with shrapnel in his stomach. Another couple went out — the wife was killed and the husband hit in the back. I operated on them all, giving them vodka first. The Koran allows it, if it is necessary to stay alive. I encouraged them to pray out loud to take their mind off the pain as I cut into them and sewed them up with thread."

On the second day the house above them was bombed and then caught fire. By the fourth day they

had used all their water trying to put out the fire. On the sixth the heat grew so bad that they had to flee. The cellar caught fire as they pulled the last people out.

As I walk into the cellar two weeks after the fire, the heat in the concrete, maintained by some kind of fire beneath us, begins to melt the soles of my boots. Anything metal in the smoking room gleams unnaturally. Anything combustible is little more than ash. In the corner lies a barely recognisable female corpse they had no time to take with them.

I ask Aslanbek if the six days were the worst in his life. "Definitely not," he says quickly. "The Russians tried to crush the car I

was driving with an APC [armoured personnel carrier] soon after I first returned to Grozny. Then they arrested me. They beat me for four days with Kalashnikovs and fists. I thought I would die every day. They charged my father a £3,850 ransom to let me go alive."

The Red Cross has just opened its first hospital in Chechnya, at Novi Atagi, south of the city. After a tour of the hospital, Aslanbek says of the staff: "They are good, but I wonder if they can work with vodka and thread?"

I am wondering something, too: whether the Red Cross staff will have to treat a bullet-riddled policeman from Nadterechnaya within the next seven days.

## Irish set to knock heads for deal on Maastricht II

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

AFTER months of marking time, negotiations to revise the Maastricht treaty reopened in Brussels yesterday with the Irish presidency determined to hammer out a draft for a revised European Union constitution by November.

Noel Dorr, the veteran Irish diplomat steering the so-called inter-governmental conference (IGC), said it was vital to start serious negotiation for a final round of horse-trading among EU leaders and the revision of the Maastricht treaty in Amsterdam next June. Missing the deadline would be seen as failure, said Mr Dorr, whose job stems from Ireland's turn in the rotating EU presidency.

The soft-spoken Mr Dorr, who is the special representative of Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, is determined to start bashing heads together on such delicate issues as trimming the powers of the national veto and devising ways to let some countries move faster than others to a federal Europe. The deadline for a draft, in time for the EU summit in Dublin in December, is daunting because of Britain's solitary resistance to any dilution of the veto and its desire to clip the wings of the European Court and curb some centralised powers.

Sir Stephen Wall, Britain's IGC negotiator, this week presents Britain's demands for a new protocol on "subsidiarity", code for limiting EU legislation that goes over the heads of national governments. Such efforts are riddling IGC negotiators from the federal-minded members. Werner Hoyer, the German Minister for Europe and IGC negotiator, can be heard muttering about ways of dumping Britain from the class if it does not mend its ways.

Mr Dorr insisted yesterday that there was no acrimony. "We don't feel the sensitivities in the UK have overshadowed what we are doing, but we will have to see in the next few months," he said as he prepared to open the autumn's first weekly negotiating session here. However, he acknowledged that there was a danger that other countries could hold back from serious negotiations until the British election is decided.

Mr Dorr, 62, who was brought back from retirement after serving in the Foreign Ministry, can count on goodwill towards Ireland, one of the EU's keenest members. He is well qualified to mediate between Britain and its continental partners after serving as Ambassador to London in

the 1980s and as chief United Nations envoy during the Falklands conflict. "One brings one's background and experience. I did have 3½ years as ambassador in London at a fairly important time. I would hope that I have some friendships and understanding and some feeling for the British position," he told *The Times*.

Ireland hopes to clear the ground for the IGC well ahead of its climax, due in Amsterdam next June. If it drags on, Mr Dorr said, Europe will see the effort as a failure. It is essential to avoid the mistakes of the Maastricht negotiation, seen as a "conspiracy of the elites", he added. "Maastricht II", which is supposed to prepare the Union for the entry of up to a dozen new members from the East, would not amount to "a major adventurous leap forwards", he said, but it was vital to prepare the Union for the next century. "We are really facing the reconstructing of the European continent. That is an immense challenge."

"The most important thing is that we should come out of it with the sense that we have made the European Union work more effectively and had it better accepted by the people."



Noel Dorr: "Maastricht II is vital to prepare the Union for the next century"

## Lebed puts death toll at 90,000 in separatist conflict

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AS MANY as 90,000 people have been killed and hundreds of thousands injured during the 21-month separatist war in Chechnya, General Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief, said yesterday.

Speaking in Moscow after securing a peace agreement with the Chechen rebel leadership at the weekend, General Lebed provided startling new casualty figures, making the Caucasus conflict the bloodiest on Russian soil since the Second World War.

"There is conflicting data, but one can speak about 80,000 killed, give or take 10,000, and about three times as many wounded and maimed," said the Afghan War veteran turned peace-maker. The figure is about three times higher than the estimates used by Western aid groups working in the break-away republic, though the final toll may never be known.

What is clear is that tens of thousands of people died in the initial siege of Grozny, which lasted from the Russian invasion in December 1994 to the end of the winter. The Russian military used heavy artillery and aircraft to bombard the city where a large part of the nearly half a million population was trapped. Most of the victims were ethnic Russians. Since then the fighting has varied in intensity until the current truce was signed.

As for the military casualties, General Igor Rodionov, the Russian Defence Minister, said on Monday that at least 2,837 Russian troops had been killed in Chechnya and 13,270 wounded. In addition, 337 men are listed as missing.

The release of the grisly statistics were partly intended to shore up support for General Lebed's peace efforts, which so far have been welcomed in Chechnya but have received

only guarded support from the Russian leadership, in particular President Yeltsin.

Yesterday Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, broke his silence to give General Lebed the clearest endorsement yet for his deal, which calls for joint control of Chechnya until a referendum on its status in five years time. "The agreements signed by Lebed cause some concern, but on the whole we consider them right," Mr Chernomyrdin, who discussed the issue at length with Mr Yeltsin on Monday, said. "We should act within the framework of these agreements and keep to their thrust."

Nevertheless, there is still uneasiness in Russia that the deal is meaningless without the unequivocal support of the President, who is resting outside Moscow and has so far refused to comment publicly on the subject.

Yesterday General Lebed said he kept in touch "by telephone and in writing" with the Kremlin leader, and interpreted his present silence as a "sign of consent". But the fact that he has not met Mr Yeltsin since August 14 leaves strong doubts about General Lebed's future tenure and the reliability of his peace agreement. Although it is widely rumoured that the Russian leader is ill and incapable of dealing with day-to-day affairs of state, he was shown on television on Monday night looking relaxed and clearly capable of walking and talking to Mr Chernomyrdin.

The conclusion that many have reached is that the President, who ordered the disastrous military adventure into Chechnya, cannot afford politically to applaud the peace efforts of General Lebed, now regarded as the person best placed to take over the Kremlin one day.

## Doubts on future for shrinking band of German Nazi-hunters

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ONE of the world's most important Nazi-hunting institutions may be scaled down by the German Government after the death of its long-standing director, Alfred Streim.

The fate of the Ludwigsburg-based Central Office for the Investigation of National Socialist Crimes will be determined in November at a meeting of state justice ministers in Bonn. The doyen of Nazi-hunters was able to fend off bureaucratic criticism that the declining number of fugitive

Nazis did not justify the financing of a full-scale investigative unit, but now the unit has become vulnerable.

For the resident Nazi-hunters — the staff has shrunk to 26 from 127 a decade ago — the least painful solution would be gradually to transform the centre into a research

and teaching institute. There is a fear that the many sensitive dossiers will otherwise be absorbed into the German state archives in Koblenz.

The doubts over the Ludwigsburg office point to the parlous state of Nazi-hunting. The collapse of the Israeli trial of John Demjanjuk, the

suspected Ukrainian camp guard, in 1993 showed the difficulty of identifying war criminals through elderly witnesses, and the inconclusive trial of Erich Priebke, a former SS officer, in Italy this year has underlined the problems of building legally watertight cases.

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Man about town: Alfonso XIII, left, taking tea with friends in the Channel resort of Deauville in 1922

## Alfonso of Spain 'was porn film fan'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

ALFONSO XIII of Spain, the grandfather of King Juan Carlos, was a fan of erotic cinema who regularly arranged for explicit films to be made for him, according to a report in the Spanish magazine *Cambio 16* yesterday.

This dark side to the King, who went into exile in 1931 after the victory of several Republican candidates in Spain's first democratic local elections, was in keeping with the tastes of the age. It was not uncommon for upper-class Spanish men of the time to watch pornographic films in the privacy of their homes or sometimes in their favourite brothels. The best titles are supposed to have come from Buenos Aires in Argentina.

According to the magazine, the Count of Romanones, the Liberal leader who was Alfonso's right-hand man, was entrusted with approaching producers of erotic films on behalf of the King. On the recommendation of General Miguel Primo de Rivera, the dictator who ruled Spain from 1923 to 1930, the Count

sought out Ramón Baños, the maker of the erotic classic, *Los Polvos de la Madre Celestina* (The Potions of Mother Celestine). No copies are known still to exist.

Evidence suggests that the recently discovered erotic films, *The Minister*, *The Ladies' Doctor* and *The Priest's Blessing*, all shot in 1925, were made for the King by Baños, who was paid 6,000 pesetas each for them. The films are all explicit, with little attention paid to story lines. *The Priest's Blessing*, for instance, tells of a priest who assures glibly girls that praying in the nude will earn them the greatest spiritual merit. Undressed, rapt in prayer, they are then all "blessed" by the pastor.

Historians believe Alfonso often watched these films when his wife, Victoria Eugenia, the granddaughter of Queen Victoria, was away from the palace. He also carried them with him on hunts, along with a portable projector, in case rain drove his party indoors.

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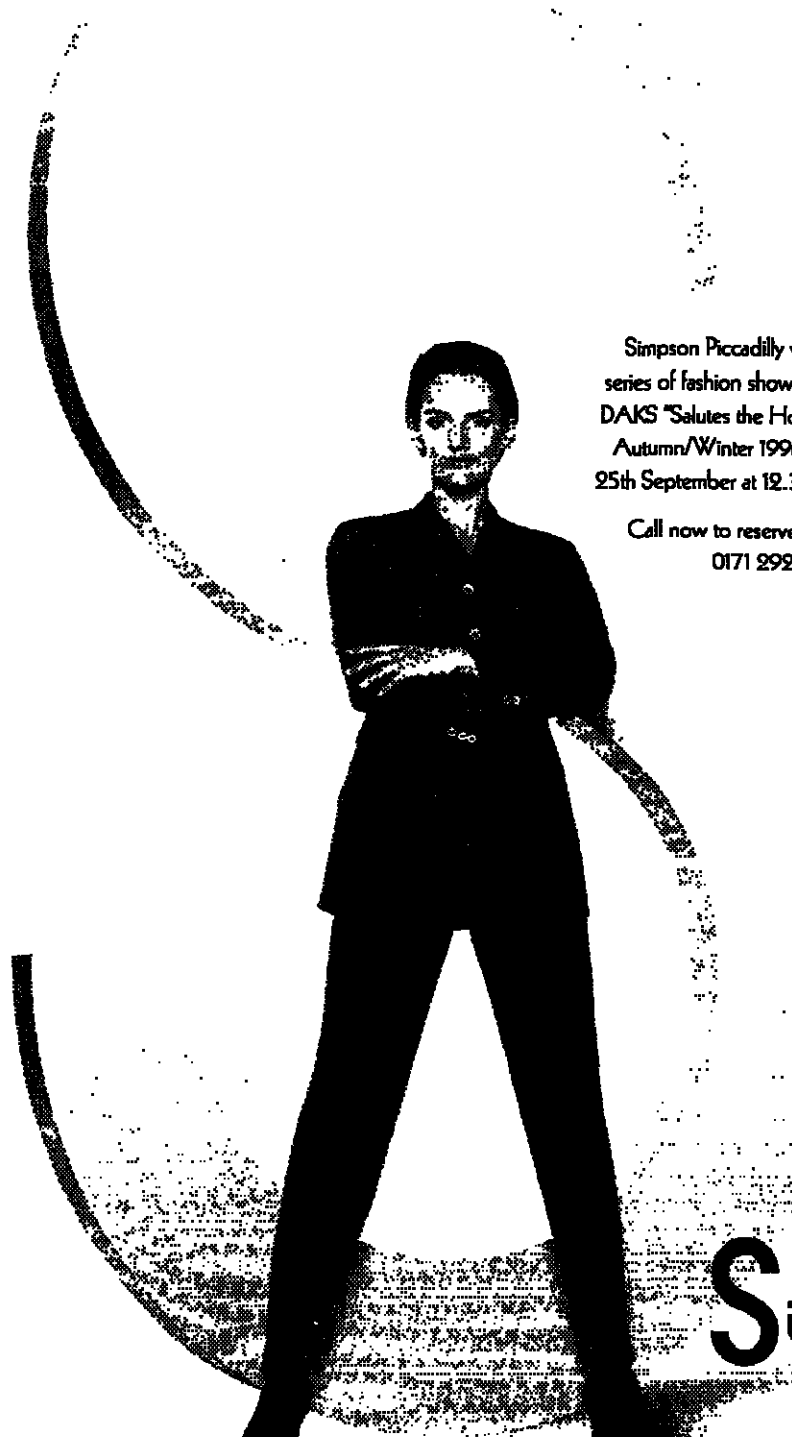
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 CENTRE: Black Astrakhan-collar coat, £99; brown velvet shirt, £40; boot-cut hipsters £21; chain belt, £10; mock-croc boots, £30  
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### Fashion journalist of the year



IAIN R. WEBB

**T**he smart set now think it cool to spend less on clothes at the high-street store than on lunch

AT THE photographic shoot for the pictures shown here, model-of-the-moment Honor Fraser flicked through the rail of clothes in the changing room and was impressed. She liked the stretchy, flat-fronted, "boot-cut" trousers which flare out at the hem and thought the fitted jersey shirt was gorgeous, but most of all she liked the little, black belted Princess-line wool-mix coat. "As good as Prada," she said.

Only it's not Prada. Everything shown here is part of the brand new winter range from Marks & Spencer.

Not bad praise considering Fraser is hot property on the fashion scene, swanning down the couture catwalks of Christian Lacroix and Valentino in Paris and appearing in advertisements for fashion labels as disparate as Ungaro, Russell & Bromley, Nina Ricci and Isaac Mizrahi. This is a girl who can wear any darned label she wants. Now she says she will add M&S to her shopping list.

Fraser is not the only one.

Over the past few seasons Marks & Spencer has become increasingly design led and the smart set now think it's cool to spend less on clothes from the high street store than they would on, say, lunch at Conran's Mezzo restaurant.

Earlier this year the stylesetters at *Vogue* magazine focused on the company featuring their merchandise on their cover (model Amber Valletta was photographed wearing an ice blue shantung shirt which cost only £25) and referring to the changes going on in the store as a "velvet revolution".

Appropriately, this season's bestseller promises to be a velvet shirt which comes in eight rich colours: blood orange, red, chocolate, midnight blue, silver, cream, black and white.

"It constantly surprises me what we can sell," says Brian Godbold, M&S's design director, who is held largely responsible for the new-look products in the store and the more upmarket marketing and packaging. "Within the company there was concern as to whether that velvet blouse at £40 would sell or not, but it has sold like crazy. People are buying better quality so there is less replacement business, therefore they are spending their money on treats. Something a bit special."

However, Godbold knows only too well that his job is just as much about deciding what isn't right for the M&S customer as much as it is choosing what is for them. Like bell bottoms a few seasons ago. Definitely a no-no.

"We can't be more fashionable than the customer demands," he says. "If you go too fashionable and forget basics you do so at your peril and the customer walks away. This autumn I think we've got the balance really right. It only works if you have the classics and the basics in place and then you can add the fashion."

just-below-the-knee straight skirt and, of course, the flared trouser. There are lacy shirts, a wonderful, long, tie-belt robe coat, silky jersey separates (the work of Betty Jackson) and lots of chocolate brown which is being heralded in fashion circles as "the new black".

Godbold believes that the trend for softer, knitted dressing is not short-term, hence the little jersey shirts, turtle-

neck sweaters, slinky tunics. He also feels that the most important item in a woman's wardrobe this winter will be a trouser suit and singles out the grey, single-breasted silhouette with a narrow-leg pant.

"More and more women feel comfortable wearing a trouser suit," he says. "We find a lot of older customers are buying them too. Of course, it's not a hipster trouser."

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## Alan Coren



■ As I've discovered to my cost, fame now comes at a premium

I was in the summer of 1988 that a jolly red telephone on wheels first hurtled over the brow of a hill, chirruped a clarion call to the nation's householders, and declared that it was about to change the face of home insurance as they knew it.

And so it did. The telephone belonged to Direct Line, which, through the agglomerative dint of canny targeting, leading-edge cybernetics, innovative marketing, overhead cheese-slicing, and an appealing in-your-face cheekiness which cocked a well-deserved snook at those smug behemoths of the traditional insurance trade who had always appeared to be in business more for their own protection than for anyone else's, very quickly seduced a substantial number of their customers.

The jolly red telephone did not, however, seduce me. Not through any fault on its part, simply because of my own endemic inertia. I am all for change, but nothing for changing: however little trouble it may be to do it, it is still too much trouble for me. In order to move from the insurance company I had grumbled about for 30 years I should probably have had to make a couple of phone calls, fill in as many as three forms, send a whole fax, all that. I could not, in short, be bothered.

Until last week. Last week, I suddenly became extremely bothered. For last week the renewal of my household policy fell due, and when I saw that I was looking at a due even more fell than the previous year's, I rang up to heckle. I then listened to a well-rehearsed socio-political monologue on the state of crime, Cricklewood, the economy, and much else, and rang off again, thereby freeing my dissatisfied phone to ring, at long last, its jolly red sibling at Direct Line. This was picked up by Sue. Sue was ace. Not only was Sue charming and sympathetic itself, Sue had everything at her fingertips. I could hear them clacking away, stenciling the details of my bits and bobs against her databased profiles as fast as I could issue them, and within seconds of the last bob being filed, Sue said she had a quotation for me. It was the best quotation I had ever heard. It left Oscar Wilde at the post. It was 60 per cent lower than my current one.

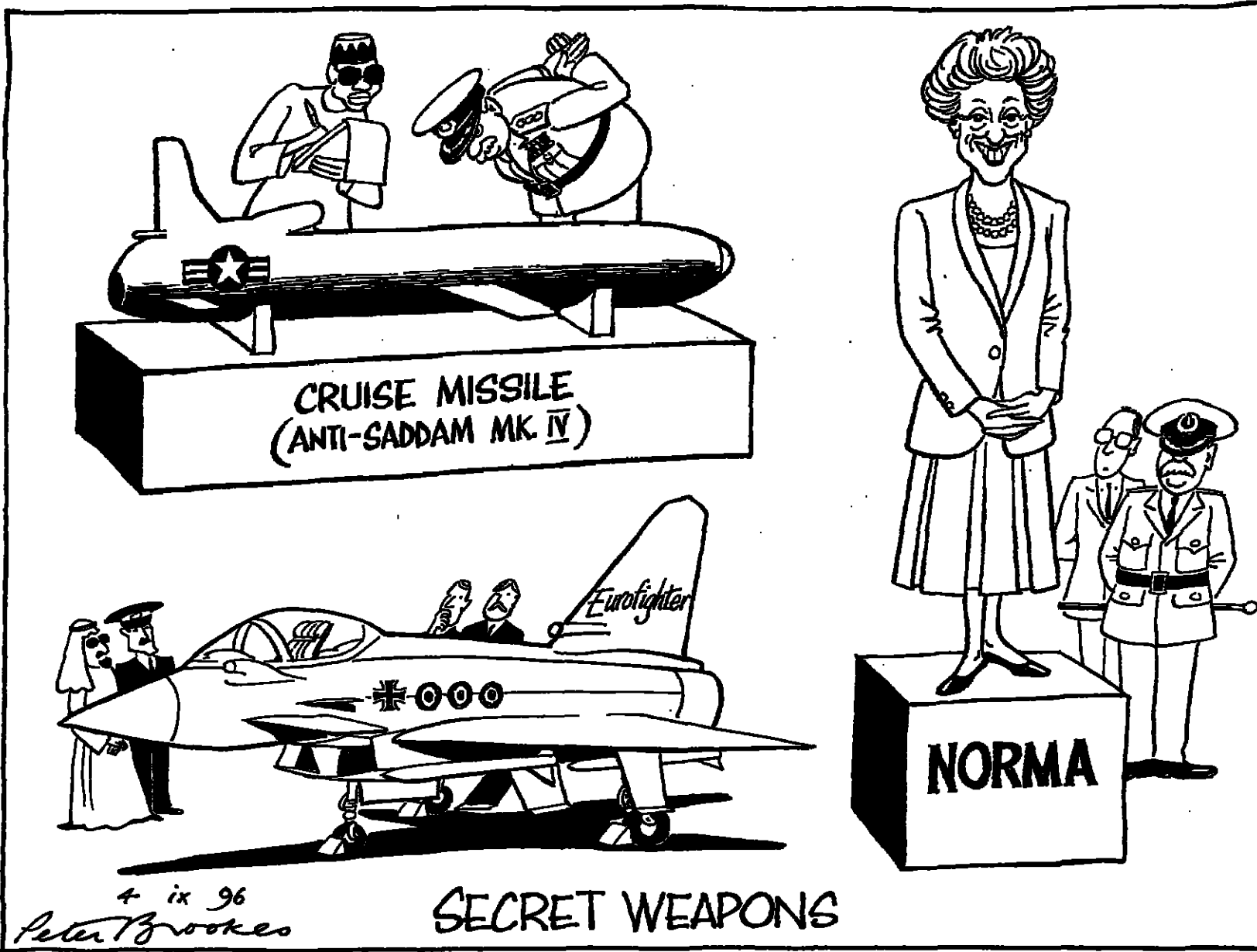
And then a dreadful thing happened.

Sue said she just needed to know what I did for a living; and when I told her, Sue went "Oh, dear." So I asked her why she went it, and she said: "Do famous people ever come to your house?" and I said they did a bit, not many, not often, and what this brought was the sort of brief taut silence that follows a pin being removed from a grenade. Until Sue said: "I'm sorry, but Direct Line cannot insure homes visited by famous people." Flummoxed, I asked why. It was policy, said Sue. She would not elaborate. All she would do was say goodbye.

The red telephone shot back over its hill, jolly no longer.

Three days on, flummoxed is what I remain. I could understand Direct Line inquiring if arsonists ever visited the house, or kleptomaniacs, or drunks, who might knock over a display cabinet, or tall lawyers, who might sue over an unlabelled low beam, or incontinent dogs left on a white silk sofa, or vicious pug teams left anywhere. But what conceivable threat can the merely famous pose to domestic premises? They do not, at least in my experience, nick the cutlery, stub their fags out on the harpsichord, throw Ming at one another, or bite irreparable holes in the Bokhara. Even beyond my experience, I should imagine that the famous are far more wary of being seen as a threat to property than anyone else, given the career risks, in these tabloid days, of ending up infamous as the result.

But there is a less imponderable point to be raised, if Direct Line is to stay in business, and it concerns the exponentially rising celebrity roster. Each passing day, such is the hunger of our swelling newspapers and our burgeoning TV channels for fodder, more and more people are getting more and more famous: the moment cannot be far off when the celebrated outnumber the humble, and the unneek inherit the earth. So, before that moment arrives, the jolly red telephone would be well-advised to change its policy, if it wants to keep issuing anyone else's.



## Going down a bomb

A Tomahawk doesn't achieve anything, but it keeps the folks back home happy

This way nobody loses. Saddam Hussein returns to Kurdistan. President Clinton drops bombs on somewhere else and rebuts Bob Dole's charge of weakness. The American media is pleased. Tomahawk salesmen are overjoyed. The Turks are happy to see the Kurds worsted. Others in the region nut-but will soon renew their trade with Iraq. Mr Clinton will be re-elected. Saddam will continue his repression, delighted to be back on stage as Uncle Sam's enemy number one. The guts of a hundred peasants will be spattered over the desert. But a few dismembered Arabs are a small price to pay for such happiness in high places.

As with many American foreign policy decisions, yesterday's bombing raid in southern Iraq can be understood only when seen from America. What might elsewhere seem a useless and obscene gesture is common sense in America. President Clinton has been regarded as a draft-dodger, his opponent Bob Dole as a war hero. Republican presidents stood up to dictators, in Beirut, Somalia, Libya and Iraq. Democrats are doves. So when Saddam offers Mr Clinton a chance to pull a trigger and "send a message", Bill would be mad not to accept the offer. The message is for Republican voters, not Saddam. What on earth do you expect him to do, Americans ask of their critics.

George Bush showed in 1993 that bombing Saddam is risk-free. In the dying hours of his presidency, he ordered 45 Tomahawks to rain down on a factory in Baghdad, to show history that he was really tough. Mr Clinton's electorate is currently sitting in cinemas cheering the movie *Independence Day*. It portrays a president unlike Mr Clinton summoning up his courage to confront monsters from outer space. To many Americans, Iraq and outer space are much alike. As a frantic White House spokesman said on Monday night, there was no question of not bombing, only of "looking for a suitable address".

American foreign policy is now content-free. Gone is the grand strategy, gone with the Cold War. In its place are what are called "boutique issues", taken off the National Security Council shelf when required for domestic consumption. This year's boutiques have been Bosnia, Ulster and Iraq. Each can be opened at the bidding of a lobbyist, but if it fails to show a quick profit the shutters come briskly down. You will not hear

Ulster mentioned by American politicians just now. Bosnia too has sunk, from being a triumph of American intervention to being another European mess.

The essence of boutique foreign policy is that it needs no consistency. Troops may be sent to Somalia but not to Rwanda or Liberia. Israel's shelling of Lebanon can be tolerated, but Serbian artillery in Bosnia must be bombed. China's persecution of the Tibetans is accepted, Russia's persecution of the Chechens is deplored, but Iraq's persecution of the Kurds must be bombed.

The test of intervention in each case is not some putative threat to American or Western interests, as once it was the advance of communism. The tests are the strength of the domestic lobbies involved, the timing of each new "crisis" in relation to others, and its accessibility to television. The recent Armenian-Azeri conflict passed the first test, but it coincided with the Bosnian crisis and was unfilmable, so it failed the second and third tests. Despite its viciousness, that war aroused no flicker of sympathy in America or Britain.

Iraq is suitable for constant intervention because in 1990 Saddam was declared Top Monster by the West. He was said to be always pushing to see how far the West will let him go, testing the limits of the West's tolerance. Yesterday a BBC reporter ventured the view that Saddam was "unbelievably stupid" to venture into Kurdistan during an American election campaign. He had gone too far.

I think the opposite. It is always a mistake to declare an enemy stupid. I imagine that Saddam needs Tomahawks just now in the same way that Mr Clinton needs them — or at least that he can take a few Tomahawks in return for having his flag fly over the Kurd capital of Arbil. The essence is that neither Saddam nor Clinton is the principal enemy of the other. Both have domestic games to play. The Iraqi President has cleverly split his Kurdish foes — never a hard task — and involved Turkey and Iran

into the bargain. He wants to keep power and knows from experience that America has no stomach for a ground fight, the only fight that might discomfit him. As long as Saddam stays within his borders, his neighbours will not allow America to invade.

Mr Clinton just wants some bombs. He knows that bombs never toppled any regime. All attempts by the Americans to prod the Shias and the Kurds to revolt have failed, with much bloodshed. Western policy in Iraq since the Gulf War has been an unmitigated disaster for ordinary Iraqis. Yet such is the cynicism of interventionists that I doubt if a single Western politician sees it that way.

So when the British Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, declares that Saddam's treatment of his Kurdish minority is "unacceptable", he means that he will accept it. When President Clinton declares that

Saddam is a monster who must be stopped, he means that he is a monster who will not be stopped. When he talks about responding with "appropriate military means", he means appropriate to his own re-election. The most honest response was from the French official who reportedly said that "the White House should quickly get its foot off the gas pedal" and hoped (off the record) that Saddam might in future wait until there was a French election in the offing.

Saddam is a dictator. He survives because he is single-mindedly committed to survival. Nobody else is single-mindedly committed to topping him. He operates for the long term. His supposed enemies overseas operate for the short term. A Tomahawk raid is a long time in American politics: its attention span lasts only until the prime time news bulletin. In Iraqi politics it is a mere blip, a useful reminder of American brutality and Zionist aggression. The only thing "smart" about a Tomahawk is that CNN can film one. Otherwise it is just another reckless bomb.

Simon Jenkins

## Powell vault

A FAMILIAR face popped up in No 10 yesterday, just a few hours after American cruise missiles went hurtling towards Iraq. Sir Charles Powell, former foreign affairs and defence adviser to Margaret Thatcher, enjoyed a quiet meeting with John Major.

Whitehall sources suggested that Sir Charles, who advised Thatcher in the run-up to the Gulf War, is assisting the present Prime Minister to try to help resolve the crisis in Iraq. Downing Street insisted, however, that the meeting was private. And Sir Charles gave nothing away as he left the PM's office.

News of his possible involvement in the Kurdish crisis can only strengthen Major's resolve. Powell was advising Thatcher after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait when she gave President Bush a stark warning: "This is no time to go wobbling George."

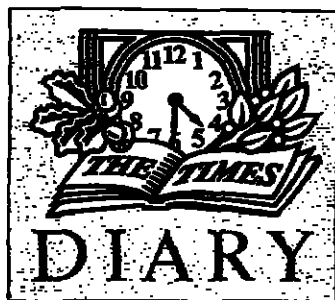
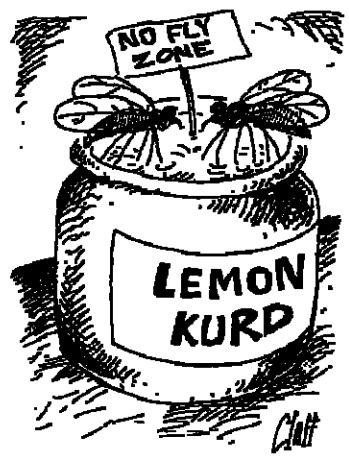
Sir Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's former press adviser, says Sir Charles may still be offering tips. "I would not be surprised if he was there," he says. "He does pop in from time to time."

● However hard he plays the patriotic card, Michael Portillo sim-

ply isn't allowed to forget his Spanish origins. In a report on the Eurofighter combat aircraft from the Farnborough Air Show, the London correspondent of the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* referred to a meeting of "the foreign ministers of Britain and Spain, Heseltine and Portillo".

### Keep Khan

JEMIMA KHAN is back on the fundraising trail for her hus-



band's cancer hospital in Lahore, unperturbed by the bomb that ripped through it this summer. Now eight months pregnant, she is frantically organising the London charity premiere of the film adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma*, to be held at the Chelsea cinema next week.

All profits for the £50-a-ticket bash (with pre-performance party thrown in) will go towards repairing the bomb damage. Despite the late stage of her pregnancy, she says she is feeling better than ever. "The only problems I've been having are with the postal strikes."

### Bus pass

ED STOURTON, the cuddly BBC news reader who became an unlikely housewife's heartthrob after losing weight recently, has been forced to tighten his belt further.

Yesterday, he flew out to travel across America for a *Panorama* special on the presidential election, and he has been told not to take internal flights but to hop on the Greyhound bus.

Stourton and his crew of two have gamely packed their rucksacks and are preparing to meet the great unwashed. "It will be good for him to get away from his desk and meet the real people of America," says a BBC curmudgeon. "He's a hardy type, I'm sure he won't suffer."

● Reporters at the Sunday Express were in shock yesterday after Sue Douglas, their Editor, resigned from her job and swiftly left the building, as part of the plans for 35 redundancies across the Express group. As soon as she left, more than half the phones at The Sunday Express went dead — so more than half the journalists assumed that they, too, had been sacked. Management quickly said it was a technical fault.

### Di is cast

ANDRE DURAND, the extraordinary artist who specialises in the Royal Family is just getting into his stride. I'm sure you'll remember his *Three Princes* — a schmalzy picture of the Prince of Wales and his two sons in baseball caps



Diana before the divorce: now it's a Pizza Express for her

on a rearing steed — and his more recent vision of Diana, Princess of Wales, clad in a diaphanous minidress and twirling on a glass globe which bobs on the sea.

Now he is extending his range. A new masterpiece is said to depict the Princess with her two sons in a *Pizza Express* restaurant eating slices of an American pepperoni with extra capers. Durand refuses

to say anything — other than to admit that pizza is involved.

Meanwhile, there is good news for Diana. She need no longer fear the indignity of having her credit card refused at Harvey Nichols. The £17 million divorce settlement was paid into her account this week.

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## Greenwich is still in peril

Libby Purves on the Ministry and the Naval College

On the next clear autumn day, I urge you, go to Greenwich Park and walk up to the Old Royal Observatory. Make your way through the curtain into the darkness of the Camera Obscura, and look at the great white dish as the light strikes through the ceiling. The curious quality of the old technology makes the modern scene look timeless, a tranquil aquatint. There before you in miniature lie the green swathe of the park and the stately buildings occupied by the National Maritime Museum: the Queen's House and its colonnade, the twin wings. Beyond lie the domes and courts of the Wren and Hawksmoor buildings, since 1870 the Royal Naval College but earlier established by Queen Mary to house retired and disabled seamen. Before that it was a favourite Tudor palace, birthplace of Henry VII and Elizabeth I; which gives an inkling of what seamen once meant to this island. Here, in the Painted Hall, Nelson's coffin lay in state.

It is all there, a classical grand vista. Suspended in the slowly swinging camera's eye like a dream are history, royalty, the sea, the capital, old glories and future hopes. This is England's Versailles, a World Heritage site. It is older and more resonant with heroism and science, pride and community, than Hampton Court or Windsor or the Houses of Parliament; for seafaring earned us our place in world history, and produced our greatest innovators, adventurers and heroes. I defy you to look and not be moved.

This time last year, a remarkable opportunity came up to unify this site and give it to the nation. The Navy is leaving. The Government's response, to advertise it with an estate agent, brought outrage. In October, the National Maritime Museum proposed that a trust be set up to manage the site and its tenants, and offered to manage access to the Painted Hall and Chapel. It also signalled ideas — in partnership with Greenwich University, a prime bidder, or independently — to maintain the site's seafaring heritage by setting up a much-needed Maritime Research Centre housing its main archive collection (currently in exile at Woolwich Arsenal) and providing suitable displays.

I serve as a trustee of the National Maritime Museum (though I came in halfway through this story), because of a longstanding admiration for the way, under Richard Ormond, that it balances populism, educational energy and academic integrity. So I am biased; but believe me, you do not need to be biased to react with dismay to the government report which — a whole year and an eminent advisory committee later — has at last emerged.

It takes the whole business no further: it reiterates the need for a trust, but majors on the idea of handing the place over to Greenwich University. It makes little mention of the maritime, and fails to address the question of how, under current financial restraints, a new university — which until 1992 was Thames Polytechnic — can possibly take on vast historic buildings left in the tatty state which follows any occupation by the Ministry of Defence. The report calls the university's plans "soundly based and sensitive to the site"; yet they have little regard for its historic association with the sea. It speaks of displaying "the art treasures of Greenwich Hospital", but does not mention that these are in the National Maritime Museum. Indeed, apart from one brief line, the report seems anxious to avoid mentioning the distinguished museum which already runs the rest of the site just across the road. I cannot speak for the museum, and have no idea whether this snub is deliberate, but is it not a little odd?

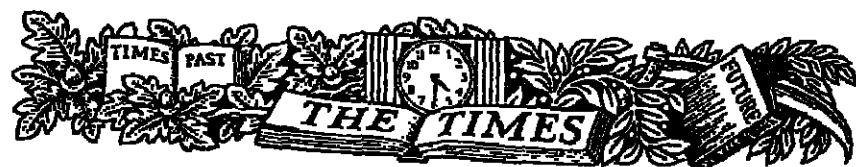
There are other problems: a vagueness about leases, and a lack of commitment by any ministry to paying the initial £25 million it will cost to put the buildings in order for any tenant. There is no mention of other creative solutions which have been suggested, such as bringing the UN International Maritime University from Malmö in Sweden to Greenwich: Lord Callaghan and others have suggested this, given that the UN's International Maritime Organisation has its headquarters in London.

But above all, despite the promise given by Nicholas Soames last February that the use of the buildings would be "seemly, fitting, suitable, dignified and entirely in keeping with their history and traditions", what is missing is any commitment to maintaining Greenwich as a maritime site and keeping it dignified, a place of reflection and education for Britain and the world.

To hand it to Greenwich University sounds superficially tidy — replace a college with a university — but this particular university appears more likely to run a business-school campus on the site, and perforce on a shoestring. When the Navy and its bijou nuclear reactor were here, the site was closed off for security but at least it was naval, and peering through the railings from the river towpath one could at least see Nelson's successors scuffling about.

At best, with museum involvement, proper financing, and good trustees, the university's presence in part of the buildings could be an asset, a young element in old surroundings. At worst, the whole thing could still be a disaster: a rundown historic monument living from hand to mouth, bits boarded up or permanently under repair, scruffily inhabited, and a great opportunity wasted. That would be a lousy way for Greenwich — old, essential Greenwich, not the transitory festival up the road — to meet the millennium. Don't let it happen.





## OVER IRAQ

Deadline at noon for Saddam to choose humiliation or defiance

In predictably inflammatory language, President Saddam Hussein has poured scorn on the latest operation against Iraq by American cruise missiles with British logistical support. The military targets were deliberately restricted to command and control posts and to Iraqi air defence systems reconstituted since the end of the Gulf War; but they support a political strategy which significantly increases the pressure on the Iraqi leader. The key lies in President Clinton's announcement that from noon today, the air exclusion zone in southern Iraq will be extended further north, to the 33rd rather than the 32nd parallel.

What this does is to deny Iraq the use of its airspace from the Iraq-Kuwait border all the way north to the outer suburbs of Baghdad. Since the air umbrella over Kurdish territory in northern Iraq remains unchanged, this is hardly a straightforward riposte to the drive into Arbil by Saddam's Republican Guards. But, apart from the symbolism of shrinking the area of full Iraqi sovereignty and threatening further shrinkage to come, it is not intended to be.

When the aim is to test Saddam, the "southern strategy" makes far better sense than squeezing him in the north. His secret police do not need air power to consolidate their grip over Kurdish areas; and for the US, expanding the northern no-fly-zone would have involved difficult negotiations with the Turkish Government over use of the Turkish airbase at Incirlik.

The territory between the 32nd and 33rd parallels, by contrast, is militarily much more important to Saddam as well as more easily policed by American air power. The area just south of Baghdad is the main training and manoeuvre ground for elite Iraqi forces, air as well as ground; and it contains two important Iraqi airbases. As of noon today, any Iraqi fixed-wing aircraft that takes off is liable to be shot down. This confronts Saddam with unpalatable choices between humiliation and defiance: he must

either move all planes out of these bases immediately or see them indefinitely grounded and lost to military use or waste valuable military assets on an act of defiant retaliation. Yesterday, Saddam appeared set on this last course. Not for the first time, he vowed to treat the "damned imaginary lines" of the air exclusion zones as "non-existent" and ordered his forces to "hit any hostile plane violating the airspace".

Mr Clinton's chosen course, firmly and rightly supported by the British Government, is not free of risk. American, British and French aircraft will now be patrolling a zone which includes Saddam's heaviest concentration of Sam surface-to-air missiles. He also has up to 300 serviceable military aircraft. Although these assets are far too small to make a serious dent on American air power, he might see the downing of a single Allied aircraft — particularly if members of the crew were captured — as a sufficiently valuable propaganda victory to justify heavy Iraqi losses. The concentration on Iraq's air defences by the cruise missiles reflects Washington's awareness of the heightened potential danger to air patrols over Iraq.

Saddam, an avid misreader of American domestic politics, has gambled before on escalation and may well believe that in mid-election campaign, all he needs is a few body-bags to force America to a humiliating change of course. He may even believe that Bob Dole's ill-judged attack on Mr Clinton for mishandling this crisis will turn the American public against the President. He will certainly be delighting in the criticisms of the cruise strikes coming not only from many Arab capitals, but even from such an important European ally as France. It now falls once again to America to prove that Saddam is the Middle East's master of miscalculation. As John Major has clearly understood, it is the business of all those who are serious about stability in the Gulf to give Washington their determined support.

## OFF TARGET

The discriminatory devils in the Frankfurt detail

The European Monetary Institute's work on a new currency continues apace despite widespread concern from member countries. At yesterday's gathering in Frankfurt central bank governors from all European Union nations met to consider the enormous changes that will be triggered by the shift to the euro. A rapidly emerging source of contention is the mechanics of Target, the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer system. The very mention of such a convoluted acronym may cause the eyes to glaze over. But some of the nastiest devils of monetary union lie in its detail.

Target is the means by which the banks of Europe would settle cheques, loans and other payments denominated in euros. The European Central Bank (ECB) also wants to use Target to supply money to the financial markets, although this is not a function performed by the payments systems set for other currencies, such as the dollar and the pound. France and Germany are now trying to use the pretext that Target will be used as an instrument of monetary policy to try to penalise banks in countries outside the EMU "inner core".

According to the French and German proposals, those countries which stand outside monetary union would see their banks excluded from the right to borrow euros from the ECB. Although inventive institutions would doubtless open subsidiaries in nations that had introduced the single currency, this could represent a considerable inconvenience.

There is no reason why a payments system needs to be used as a transmission

mechanism for monetary policy. The decision to treat Target in this way looks suspiciously like an attempt by French and German bankers to acquire an advantage over their competitors based in countries within the EU but outside the euro. Seemingly technical issues are often covers for intrigue: the signal being sent is that retaining a national currency will not be without penalty.

In practice the impact may be less than its proponents hope. Whatever losses could be caused in additional costs to British banks may well be offset by their ability to stand outside the highly regulated regime that the European Monetary Institute is busy creating. Any threat that Frankfurt will eclipse London as Europe's financial centre if these provisions take effect appears a gross exaggeration: German banks and others are already voting with their feet by moving to the Square Mile.

But, even if the effect is minimal there is a principle of considerable importance at stake. The proposal creates an artificial division of EU states based on single currency membership. It is difficult to reconcile such a move with the spirit and probably the letter of the single market. It is even harder to justify it against the Maastricht Treaty's stated objective of "an open market economy with free competition". The obsessive concern of those designing the single currency with the possible comparative advantages of those who stand outside it suggests little confidence in what they are creating. Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George should not allow this scheme to develop.

## B FOR ACHIEVEMENT

Early tests are a good idea, but they must be pitched correctly

With the introduction of assessment for five-year-olds in their first term at primary school, the Government has finally completed the edifice of objective testing. That it is the most important brick shows that the task has been tackled in the wrong order, starting with public examinations and finishing with entry standards. But now, at last, it should be possible to compare schools' achievements regardless of their intake.

Teachers have been complaining for years that league tables are unfair, because they do not assess the "value added" by different schools: that is, an inner-city school with an intake of deprived children might improve their grades more effectively than a middle-class school in a nearby leafy suburb. Various attempts have been made to correct for this, using proxies such as the number of children who have English as a second language or who qualify for free school meals.

But these measures are patronising — a child born in a tower block will not be less intelligent for that — and they contribute to the lowering of expectations, a self-fulfilling prophecy for such pupils. It is far better and more rigorous to assess all children when they start school by the same objective criteria, and then measure their achievements in the light of their potential.

Within a few years, it should be possible to trace the progress of the same group of children in each school, from five through seven to 11. This will provide a far more accurate

measure of the quality of teaching than simply comparing seven or 11-year-old test results from different schools in a particular year. To make the analysis work, though, the assessment criteria will have to be clear and uniform across the country.

The other purpose of assessment at five is to give an early indication of a child's ability, so that lessons can be tailored to his or her needs. The first two years are critical to later progress: nothing is more dispiriting to a five-year-old than being either bored because the work is too easy or intimidated because it is too hard. It is particularly important, then, that the full range of ability should be covered in the tests so that children who are likely to fall behind can be rescued and the most gifted can be challenged.

This is where Sir Ron Dearing's proposals seem sadly to have fallen victim to the forces of political correctness. From its early pages, the wording of yesterday's document is inauspicious: the purpose is not, apparently, to identify strengths and weaknesses, but strengths and "learning needs". And the culture of low expectations is still evident in the type of achievement suggested for each level of ability. For instance, the most taxing of the mathematical skills, designed to pick out the seriously able school starters, is pitched too low. This was the problem with the national curriculum standards for literacy, which then had to be revised upwards. Sir Ron should avoid making the same mistake again.

## Taking the rap for prisoners' release

From Mr J. A. Davis

Sir, May one express sympathy with the lawyers, so disparagingly referred to by Sir Michael Davies as "tame" (letter, August 31; see also letters August 26, 28), who gave the advice on which the premature release of over 500 prisoners was based.

Is it possible that these lawyers were misguided enough to believe that Section 67 of the Criminal Justice Act, being a penal provision, would be given a "strict" interpretation, regardless of how bizarre, on the basis of common sense, the outcome might seem? How were they to foresee the startlingly novel (so far as the criminal law is concerned) but very welcome reaction showing that common sense still has a part to play in the common law?

If this idea takes root and we see a marked fall in the number of the obviously guilty who are, in layman's terms, "let off" on the basis of unmeritorious or unattractive arguments which "nevertheless must succeed", then it will not all have been on the debit side.

Yours faithfully,  
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(Justices' Clerk,  
Kingston upon Thames, 1981-93,  
54 Woodlands Road,  
Bookham, Surrey,  
August 31.

From Mr Keith Topley

Sir, If Sir Michael Davies has correctly analysed the failings of the Prison Service concerning early release, then by the same token he must surely be wrong in issuing a free pardon to the Home Secretary.

To allow the head of that service to return to his desk after errors so grave as those Sir Michael identifies must itself be an example of lack of firmness deserving of censure rather than a somewhat backhanded endorsement.

Yours sincerely,  
KEITH TOPLEY,  
22 Queens Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight,  
August 31.

From Professor Dawn Oliver

Sir, The significance of agency arrangements in the Prison Service and in Whitehall generally is surely not that such arrangements seek to separate policy from operational matters, but that they separate ministers from managers and specify the manager's job description.

What is missing is any clear notion of a Secretary of State's job description. It is this which allows ministers to avoid responsibility, since a person can only be held to blame for not doing their job properly.

Yours faithfully,  
DAWN OLIVER  
(Professor of Constitutional Law,  
University College London,  
Bernham House,  
Endsleigh Gardens, WCL,  
August 31.

From Mr Geoffrey M. Beresford Hartwell

Sir, As an engineer I profess no expertise on law and, of course, I believe that Mr Charles Gladwin (letter, August 31) may find comfort from a matter which was determined in 1970 (Home Office v. Dorset Yacht Co Ltd: *All England Law Reports*, p294).

A number of young prisoners had absconded from custody in Dorset and damaged a yacht. The Home Office was found liable for the damage. The logic of that case seems inexorably to support a similar conclusion in respect of any offences committed by the prematurely released, subject to two points. One is that the probability of the offence must be foreseeable — hardly a problem. The other is that there may be some administrative excuse derived from the royal prerogative, but that option may not be open to an "agency".

On the face of it, therefore, the person who made what by any standards appears to have been an absurdly perverse interpretation of the legislation ought to be ready to put his hand in his personal pocket.

Yours faithfully,  
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August 31.

## Inappropriate address

From Mrs Ann Williams

Sir, We are quite used to receiving letters for "Mr and Mrs St Bartholomew" and even "The Occupant, Penn Church". My husband was, however, rather disconcerted to find a bill from British Gas addressed to "The Occupant, Penn Cemetery" on the doormat the very day he returned home from a short spell in hospital.

Fortunately, hope was restored the following day when he received a get-well card, correctly addressed, from a local firm of funeral directors.

Yours faithfully,  
ANN WILLIAMS,  
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Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

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## Lament for lost ideal of regional TV

From the Chairman of Broadcasting for Scotland

Sir, Michael Grade's plea (report, August 27) that Channel 4 should not be privatised deserves support, not only on the ground that it would become merely "ITV 2". I believe that if C4 remains a public broadcaster there is a better chance of returning its remit to the vision of its founding father, Lord Annan.

The Annan Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, in its report of 1977, resisted pressure to give the fourth channel to ITV, preferring to move over broadcasters from regulated duopoly to regulated diversity. It was a generous view and included the wish to animate the regions by reducing the dominance of London-centred broadcasting.

As resources permitted, a move to structural variation of C4 in Scotland and Wales was envisaged. The vision largely survived Parliament and was carried into the first programme policy of the Independent Broadcasting Authority in 1982.

Fourteen years later no amount of style can conceal the fact that the vision has faded. Half the C4 broadcasts are of overseas origin and about 80 per cent of the rest are made within the area of the M25 motorway.

Although the output goes down well, particularly in Scotland, the is-

sue remains that C4 has found diversity in ways far removed from Annan's original conception.

When Sir Kenneth Clark, later Lord Clark, set up ITV in the Fifties as its first chairman he had a loose remit but chose to create a rich mosaic of regional ITV companies.

C4 was also intended to complement the BBC, both having network responsibilities to the regions. Annan found only 4.4 per cent of BBC programming came from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, where 17 per cent of the audience lives, and judged that too low. The contribution has since fallen to 3 per cent, as the BBC's 1996 annual report shows.

Rather than animate the regions, public broadcasting seems to be concentrating on the Greater London area. By doing so it calls into question the stewardship, by the Independent Television Commission and the Department of National Heritage, of the notion of regulated diversity.

British diversity in British broadcasting ought to come before any privatisation.

Yours sincerely,  
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September 3.

## ID card security

From the Minister of State, Home Office

Sir, Mr Peter Tompkins's fears (letter, August 30) about the new United Kingdom identity card are totally groundless. The issuing and checking procedures for these cards will be at least as secure as those already carried out for the issue of United Kingdom passports.

The United Kingdom Passport Agency itself will be very closely involved in the process. The new card is not a replacement for the British Visitor's Passport, which was, in fact, phased out on security grounds.

Sophisticated technology is being used to produce a number of security controls in the cards which will deter even the most determined forger. These will range from security devices similar to those used on bank notes up

to a highly developed set of features hidden deeper in the card which will only be detectable through specialist examination.

Any developments in card technology which could further improve security, such as the inclusion of a fingerprint-type identifier, will naturally be kept under review.

The voluntary ID card will bring direct benefits to those who carry it, and will help to prevent crimes such as fraud and forgery. Of those who responded to our consultation paper 64 per cent supported the idea of some form of identity card and we are convinced that it will prove a useful — and secure — addition to our everyday lives.

Yours faithfully,  
ANN WIDDECOMBE,  
Home Office,  
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1,  
September 2.

## Romania's future

From Mr Nicolae Ratiu

Sir, One of President Iliescu of Romania's jobs under his predecessor Nicolae Ceausescu was that of Minister of Propaganda. Your 16-page supplement of August 26 — for which a certain Unimedia Limited was "solely responsible" — was the sort of anachronism of propaganda one would have expected from communist bloc countries in the 1960s.

At least the Romanian people no longer swallow such propaganda. After six years with Iliescu in power their standard of living is 25 per cent lower than in the days of Ceausescu.

Any business successes will have been principally achieved through corrupt government patronage and the creaming-off of state assets by those in positions of power. In local elections in March the governing party came a poor second to the opposition.

In November this year there will be a general election. If, as expected, the opposition wins, Romania will be the most interesting country in Eastern Europe in which to invest. The raw materials and possibilities are all there.

## Booing the Bard

From Mr Michael Newte

Sir, Many years ago I decided to take a party of 12 and 13 year-olds to a performance of *Macbeth*, hoping that the action and fighting in the "Scottish Play" would engage their interest.

Alas the first few minutes disillusioned me: whispering and shuffling began almost immediately and I feared the worst. But very fortunately one of *Macbeth's* army dropped his shield and it fell into the orchestra pit. Thereafter rapt attention prevailed and afterwards, "What a smashing play, Sir." "Thank you so much, Sir," and "I never thought Shakespeare was like that".

Perhaps Ms Celia Parker, who complains (letter, August 30; see also letter, August 26) of the behaviour of schoolchildren in the theatres of South Yorkshire, could go into the green room before "curtain up" and arrange something with one of the players.

Yours sincerely,  
MICHAEL NEWTE,  
The Barn House,  
Rose Lane, Ripley, Surrey,  
September 2.

## Cleopatra's Needle

From Mrs Miranda Cnattingius

Sir, Leaving Cleopatra's Needle where it is (letters, August 28, September 3) and banning the use of private cars in the centre of London might prove to be of benefit to the people of London as well as the obelisk. Their lungs, though not of granite, should also be rose red.

Yours faithfully,  
MIRANDA CNATTINGIUS,  
17 Laurel Road, SW13,  
September 3.

## Papal decree on Mary's virginity

From Father David Lawrence-March

Sir, It is unfortunate that the Pope should raise a somewhat ambiguous theological issue which serves, in the popular eye, to make a doctrine that should highlight a basic unity among Christians yet again a source of disunity ("Pope insists that Jesus was Mary's only child", August 30).

It is all too easy to mask essential truths in a welter of semantics, Christian understanding of the person of Mary the Mother of Jesus being a prime example. To emphasise "perpetual virginity" at the expense of glorified humanity seems to me a misappropriation of the fourth-century title of Theotokos ("God-bearer").

To speak of Mary as eternally virgin is, perhaps, permissible in that as the vast majority of Christians, I imagine, would assert) she was in a state of virginity at the time of the birth of the Son of God; thereby since, at the supreme moment of her vocation, she was in a state of virginity there is no reason why she should not be referred to as the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To say that the bearer of God could not bear other children made, like all of us, in the image of the Creator, is to demean the Theotokos and render her, as the Gnostics did, as merely a vehicle — surely the last thing the Bishop of Rome would intend.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,  
DAVID LAWRENCE-MARCH,  
The Rectory,  
Church Street, Holt, Norfolk,  
August 30.

From the Reverend David Ashforth

Sir, I am puzzled by the remark by a "Church of England spokesman", ("Protestants retain their doubts", August 30), that Mark, chapter 6, refers to Jesus's "real brothers and sisters" and that New Testament scholars see "no need to speculate about their being half-brothers, half-sisters, or cousins".

The most obvious meaning of the Gospels is that these brothers and sisters are the children of Joseph and Mary born in the normal course of their marriage. Mary's firstborn, Jesus, is the child of Mary only, through a pregnancy instigated by the power of God through the Holy Spirit. Half-brothers and half-sisters are therefore the accurate description of Jesus's siblings.

The heartwarming statement of Jesus is that everyone who does the will of God is as close to him as his natural family (Mark iii, 35).

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID ASHFORTH,  
The Vicarage, Balderstone,  
Blackburn, Lancashire,  
August 31.

From the Reverend Dr Alan C. Clifford

Sir, Whether or not Mary was a perpetual virgin is not a matter of fundamental faith. That Mary's son is the sole mediator between God and humanity is (1 Timothy ii, 5). The significant statement is that Joseph "did not know [Mary] till she had brought forth her firstborn son" (Matthew i, 25).

There is simply no theological necessity — at least from a Reformed perspective — in denying that after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph had a perfectly normal married life. In which case, references to Jesus's half-brothers and sisters (Matthew xiii, 55-56) are open to a very natural interpretation.

Yours sincerely,  
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## High-rise heritage

From Mr W. Pollock

Sir, Scientists say that England is gradually sinking into the sea, and Scotland is gradually rising out of the sea.

This is not, in my view, due to the retreat of the glaciers from the last ice age, but rather to the weight of the useless buildings which English Heritage insist should be retained (report, September 2), at considerable public expense, long after their useful life is over.

Can these hideous monstrosities not be photographed and recorded in detailed plans, then blown up or knocked down? The path to obsolescence is getting much shorter for new buildings.

Yours faithfully,  
BILL POLLOCK,  
51 Giblands Park,  
Okehampton, Devon,  
September 2.

## Bargain bride?

From Mrs R. G. Currey

Sir, Mr Roy Sallabank (letter, August 24), commenting on a B&Q DIY store's proposal to offer weddings (report, August 21), presumes that pensioners using this facility will still get their 10 per cent off on Wednesdays.

I wonder if both groom and bride would have to qualify? I am 91 and was hoping for a rather younger groom.

Yours etc,  
RONA CURREY,  
Pear Tree Cottage,  
Castletown, Isle of Man.





## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
September 3: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a Promenade Concert given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
September 3: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Agricultural Society of England, today attended the Council Meeting at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, and was received by Mr Martin Dunn (Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire).

**YORK HOUSE**  
ST JAMES'S PALACE  
September 3: The Duke of Kent today attended the Farnborough International Aerospace Exhibition, Farnborough, Hampshire, and was met on arrival by Brigadier Robert Long (Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire).

**Royal engagements**  
The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Farnborough International Aerospace Exhibition 1996 at Farnborough at 11.10.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend Realities and Dreams international conference on residential child care at Strathclyde University, John Anderson Campus, Glasgow, at 9.30, and as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the Shiresmill Riding Centre, Shiresmill, by Dunfermline, at noon.

## Anniversaries today

**BIRTHS:** Alexander III, King of Scotland 1249-86, Roxburgh, 1241; Robert South, clergyman, Hackney, 1634; Francois René, Viscount de Chateaubriand, politician and writer, St Malo, 1768; Anton Bruckner, composer, Ansfelden, Austria, 1824; Darius Milhaud, composer, Aix-en-Provence, 1892; Richard Wright, novelist, Natchez, Mississippi, 1908.

**DEATHS:** Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, favourite of Queen Elizabeth I, Cornbury, Oxfordshire, 1588; the Hon Charles Townshend, statesman, London, 1767; James Wyatt, architect, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1813; Edward Grieg, composer, Bergen, Norway, 1907; Albert Schweitzer, missionary, physician, philosopher and musician, Nobel Peace laureate 1952, Lambaré, Gabon, 1965; Georges Simenon, novelist, Lausanne, 1989.

The world's first Boy Scout rally was held at Crystal Palace, south London, 1909. Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands since 1890, abdicated in favour of her daughter, Juliana, 1948. The Forth Road Bridge opened, 1964.

## Dinner

**English-Speaking Union**  
Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union, opened the 1996 Cultural Seminar in the Old Library of Pembroke College, Cambridge, yesterday.

## Birthdays today

Miss Joan Aiken, novelist, 72; Professor Anthony Atkinson, Warden, Nuffield College, Oxford, 52; Sir Hubert Bennett, architect, 87; Miss Ann Burdus, marketing and advertising executive, 63; Sir John Charley, consultant in advanced technology, 74; Air Marshal Sir John Cheshire, 54; Sir Michael Day, former chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 63; Mr Peter Drew, former chairman, Taylor Woodrow, 69.

Mrs Ann Dummett, former director, Runnymede Trust, 66; Mr Mike Gapes, MP, 44; Lord Howell, 73; Sir Nicholas Jackson, 62; Mr Bill Kenwright, theatrical impresario, 51; Mr Dinesdale Lenden, actor, 64; Sir Charles Marshall, 54; Sir David Lee, 84; Sir William Macdonald, 81; Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, 59; Lord Sandhurst, 76; the Earl of Star, 35; Mr Tom Watson, golfer, 47.

## Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday:

£100,000: SMF 96618, winner has a holding of £50,000, comes from Oxfordshire; 43TW 04065, £30,000; Kent: 26GP 88996, £24,500; Somerset: 25CF 55325, £17,200; Essex.

£50,000: 47BP 82618, £19,030; Cheshire: 33LS 06899, £19,522; Norfolk: 10QS 07392, £20,000; Cornwall: 42MP 78708, £10,670; East Sussex: 42P 66713, £10,3; Lancashire: 63W 87938, £6,000; West Midlands.

£25,000: 31LB 04398, £10,000; Devon: 271L 21628, £10,000; West Sussex: 6CF 90666, £4,023; London Borough of Barnet: 302S 94980, £1,400; Merseyside: 21ET 31343, £19,600; Shropshire: 30EW 95730, £2,996; Devon: 44NF 84593, £3,310; London Borough of Tower Hamlets: 21GN 13108, £19,935; Kent: 52DK 72472, £19,460; North Humberside: 48CS 04273, £2,044; Dorset: 39KT 72971, £2,750; Essex: 54QT 73069, £13,153; Hertfordshire: 26VL 53069, £1,075; Devon: 35TP 66346, £20,000; West Yorkshire.

## Church news

**Next bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich**

The Right Rev Richard Lewis, Suffragan Bishop of Taunton, diocese of Bath & Wells, is to be Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich in succession to the Right Rev John Dennis, who retires at the end of this month.

**Other appointments**  
The Rev David Runcorn, Vicar, Ealing St Stephen Castle Hill (London): to be Director of Pastoral and Evangelical Studies, Trinity College, Bristol.

The Rev Jackie Searle, Assistant Curate, Ealing St Stephen Castle Hill (London): to be part-time lecturer, Trinity College, Bristol.

The Rev Richard Stone, Vicar, Oswaldwick Warton (York): to be Team Vicar, The Willington Team, in charge of Battle Hill Good Shepherd (Newcastle).

Canon Peter Swain, Priest-in-charge, Bromfield Warton, and West Newton, and Rural Dean of Solway: to be also Team Leader, Council for Agriculture and Rural Life (Carlisle).



Julia Somerville, left, the ITN newscaster, and Richard Branson, after the memorial service at St Bride's yesterday

## Memorial service for Miss Joan Thirkettle

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Miss Joan Thirkettle, ITN news reporter, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Miss Julia Somerville read the lesson, Miss Daisy Wallace, daughter, read *The Desiderata*, and Michael Wallace, son, read from Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass*. Mr Stewart Purvis, Chief Executive of ITN, Miss Sarah Dickinson and Mr Richard Branson gave addresses. Among others present were Mr and Mrs John Thirkettle (brother and sister-in-law), Mr James Thirkettle, Miss Emma

Thirkettle, Sir Edward Pickering (master, Guild of St Bride), Dame Susan Tinson, Sir David and Lady Nicholas. Mr Jonathan Wallace, Mrs Pauline Heard, Mr John Renton, Mr Alex Renton, Mr Fred Renton, Mr Richard Tait, Mr Andrew Tilly, Mr Trevor McDonald, Mr Brian Nicholson, Mr Andreas Whitman Smith, Mr Simon Bucks, Mr Joshua Rosenberg, Mr Mervyn Hall, Mr Mark Pope, Mrs Susan Smith, Mrs Anna Newton Dunn, Mr Alastair Stewart.

Harriet Swatman, Mr Nigel Dacre, Mr John Parker, Mr John Bird, Mr Martyn Gregory, Miss Sue Ingham, Miss Laura Dugdale, Mr John Sharman, Miss Anne Perkins, Mr Peter West, Mr Robin Barber, Miss J. Minchell, the Rev Tom Devonshire Jones, Miss Alma Taft, Adam Holloway, Mr James McCre, Mr John Dickie, Mr Michael Buckitt (programme controller, Classic FM) with other members of staff, Miss Flora Macpherson (Editor, *Harpers & Queen*), Mr Raddy Coulter (Chairman, Miss Lisa Parker, Walton Theatre Collection, and many friends and other colleagues from ITN.

## School news

**Alldon School**  
Christmas Term begins today for the 380 pupils at Alldon School, the largest number in the school's history. School Captain is Richard Harvey.

**Eltham College**  
The Autumn term commences at Eltham College today and will end on December 13. Dr P. Condren and Dr P. Page take over as First and Second Deputy Head on the retirement of Mr J. Somerville-Mellie. There will be a Choral Concert on November 21 and *The Winter's Tale* will be performed on December 4-6. The Old Elthamians Winter Reunion will be held on December 7 and 8. The Carol Service on December 8 (Senior) and December 10/11 (Junior).

**Elton College**  
Elton College opens today for the Michaelmas Term with 250 new boys the total in the school is 1280. R.E.R. Harrison KS is Captain of the School and G.D. Cook OS Captain of the Opinions.

**The Eton Action Fair** will be held on Saturday, September 21. Charter Day 2001 will be held on September 28 to 30. The School Play Festival from October 10 to 15 and Long Leave from October 16 to 27. There will be services of Confirmation in College Chapel, conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham, on November 16 and 17. St Andrews' Day will be celebrated on November 23 and the Carol Service will be on December 8. School closes on December 11.

**Eton School**  
Michaelmas Term begins today. Guy Leveil is Head Boy and Patrick Drought is Captain of Rugby Football. Important dates are: September 21 - Old Etonian Dinner, 7.30pm; September 22 - Open Evening, 6.00pm; October 14 - Speech Day; Speaker Sir Geoffrey Holland, 7.30pm; November 27 - School Drama Production *The Pirates of Penzance*; December 10 and 11 - Christmas Concerts. Term ends December 20.

**The Godolphin School, Salisbury**  
The Autumn Term begins on Thursday, September 5. The Headmaster, Mr J. H. Horsburgh, takes over as Headmaster. Lucy Polson continues as Head Girl, with Victoria Jenkins as her deputy. We welcome all past pupils to Commem at the School on

Saturday, September 21, and to the Commem Service in Westminster Abbey at 4.30pm on Sunday, November 3, in the Henry VII Chapel. The new Performing Arts Centre opens in December. Term ends after the Carol Service on December 13. The Carol Service at 2.00pm on Wednesday, December 11.

**Kimbolton School**  
Term starts today with Mark Klein, Head Boy and Zoe Bee, Head Girl. Founders' Day is on October 25. Old Kimboltonians' Day is on October 26 when matches in the afternoon will be followed in the evening by the 1946 and 1947 Open Evening at the Saloon. The School Musical will be performed in the Lewis Hall on December 4, 5, 6 and 7. The Senior Carol Service will be held at 11.30am on December 11. Term ends at 3.00pm.

**The King's School, Ely**  
The Michaelmas term begins today. The Catherine Needham Art Centre will be fully operational. The Technology Centre and the Junior School extension and Music Department will be opened; and Acremont House together with its new Nursery will be moved in enlarged and refurbished accommodation. There will be an Open Morning for prospective sixth-formers and their parents on Saturday, October 19. The Admission of King's and Queen's Scholars will take place at Cathedral, Ely, on Friday, November 22; the preacher at the Service will be the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Jackson. The Senior School production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be staged in the Hayward Theatre on December 5, 6 and 7. The Old Etonian Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 19. The King's School, Ely, is a registered charity which exists for the education of children. Scheme Reference 311440.

**Pocklington School, York**  
The Michaelmas Term at Pocklington School, York, begins today. The Heads of School will be Paul Costello and Sophie Lane. Commemoration and Speech Day will be on Saturday, October 19. Old Pocklingtonian Day will be on Sunday, October 20. An Old Pocklingtonian Evening will take place in the school hall on Friday, October 4. The term will end with the Carol Service on Friday, December 13.

**Queen Margaret's School, York**  
Autumn Term begins on Thursday, September 5, and ends after the Junior and Senior Carol Services on December 11. Alice Darbyshire is Head Girl and Captain of Hockey. Amelia Williams Deputy Head Girl, and Elizabeth Hume is Captain of Lacrosse. Mr Roman Rudinsky will give a piano masterclass and recitals on November 18. The Choral Society concert takes place on November 10 and the musical *Les Misérables* will be performed on November 27, 28, 30 and December 1. The Old Margaretians Association reunion will take place at the school on September 21.

**Truro High School for Girls**  
The Autumn term begins today with 450 pupils on roll. Head Girl is Charlotte Callen and Deputy Head Girl is Philippa Meekins. Mr Robert Young takes up his post as Director of Music. Mrs Judith Barnfield joins the PE department. Miss Anna Miller joins the staff of the Preparatory School and Mr Richard Heywood joins the staff to teach Business Studies. The Carol Service will be held in Truro Cathedral on Tuesday, December 10, and Preseving will be in Truro Cathedral on Thursday, December 12, when the guest of honour will be Viscountess Fitzmout. Term ends on December 12.

**Warwick School**  
Michaelmas Term starts today at Warwick School. The Rev Andrew Gough takes up his position as Chaplain. The Headmaster is Timothy Wurt. The new buildings for Music, Drama, history and geography have been completed. Speech Day takes place on Thursday, October 17, when the Guest of Honour will be the Right Rev Sir Barrington Ward, the Bishop of Coventry. Old Warwickian Weekend will be December 14 and 15, 1996. The Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 18, and term ends with the Upper School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 2.00pm on Friday, December 20.

**Woldingham School**  
The School Year begins today. Hannah Klerman continues as Head Girl. The Woldingham Society Annual Reunion is on Saturday, October 6. Information about Open Day on Saturday, October 5, may be obtained from the Registrar (Tel: 01883 349431). The Autumn Term ends on December 13.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J.A. Byng and Miss J.J. Biscoe-Taylor**  
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Byng, and Miss Biscoe-Taylor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Biscoe-Taylor, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr K. French and Miss E.R. Hampden**  
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Ernest French, of Royston, Hertfordshire, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hampden, of Wellington, Somerset.

**Mr G.C. Frost and Miss E.A. Hughes**  
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Anthony and Judy Frost, of Alderney, Channel Islands, and Elaine, daughter of Graham and Lory Hughes, of Kroke-Hest, Belgium.

**Mr R.J. Gray and Miss H.J. Letts**  
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr N.G. Gray and the late Mrs Gray, of Darlington, County Durham, and Harriet, younger daughter of the late Mr R.F. Letts and of Mrs Letts, of Blean, Kent.

**Lieutenant N.H. Haslwell and Miss V.J. Chapman**  
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Captain and Mrs Richard Haslwell, of Liss, Hampshire, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Chapman, of Eskrick Park, North Yorkshire.

**Mr C.A. Mace and Ms J.A. Horan**  
The engagement is announced between Colin, youngest son of Mr J.K. Mace, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Mrs J.E. Horan, of Chelsea, London, and Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Horan, of Plumpton, East Sussex.

**Mr C.E. Macquaker and Miss S.A.R. Peters**  
The engagement is announced between Charles Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Macquaker, of Blackbyres, by Ayr, and Sarah Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ross Peters, of Brax of Auchendune, by Ayr.

**Mr W.J. McLeod Scott and Miss J.E. Lincker**  
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William McLeod Scott, of Damascus, Syria, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lincker, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**Mr R.C.P. Peppette and Miss Z.E.N. Appleton**  
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr Geoff Peppette, of Dauborn, Germany, and of Mrs Alma Peppette, of Hamilton, Lanarkshire, and Zelle, elder daughter of the late Mr Joshua Appleton and of Mrs Dorothy Appleton, of Icklesham, East Sussex.

**Mr G.M.C. Raeb and Miss F.J.C. Hulse**  
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Major David Raeb and the late Lady Anne Raeb, of Heale House, Woodford, Salisbury, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hulse, of The Old Chapel, Netton, Salisbury.

## Latest wills

Louis Philip Mendall, of Fowey, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,946,408 net. He left £100,000 to be split between each of the following: St John Ambulance, First Aid House Ltd of Capri, St Austine Mount, Edenbridge Hospice, St Austine Mount, Edenbridge Hospice, Handicapped Society, London; British Catholic Jewish Welfare Board; Barnard's Cancer Research Campaign; Fowey hospital and Welfare committee.

**Mr A.M. Scott and Miss C.M. Pepper**  
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Scott, of Upton Grey, Hampshire, and Clare, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Edward Pepper, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr G.J. Barnes and Miss W.D. Mcursing**  
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at the Gemeentehuis, Alseberg, and at the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Brussels, between Mr Graham Barnes, elder son of Dr Colin and Dr Marian Barnes, of Woodford Green, Essex, and Miss Willemien Mcursing, daughter of Dr Heer and Mrs Willem Mcursing (Baroness van Unshoven) of Alseberg, Belgium. The Rev John Cotton officiated.

**Mr M.A. Gray-Spencer and Miss R.E.M. Capel**  
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at The Priory, Pamber End, Hampshire, of Mr Mark Gray-Spencer, son of Mr and Mrs John Gray-Spencer, of Sydney, Australia, to Miss Rosemary Capel, daughter of the late Captain William Capel and of Mrs Capel, of Brook Green, London. The Rev John Hamilton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Major John Lewis, was attended by Harriet, Olivia and Sophia Hungerford, and Charlotte and Farleigh Hungerford. Mr Scott Gray-Spencer was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride's great aunt.

**Mr P.N.S. Hanbury and Miss A. Samson**  
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, in the Cathedral of All Saints, London, of Mr Sampson Hanbury, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hanbury, to Miss Anne Samson, daughter of the late Mr Serge Samson and of Mrs Samson. The Rev Father Michael Fortuonati officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Ivan Samson, was attended by the bridegroom's five nieces, and the icon was carried by Horatio Greenough. Mr Stephen Edwards and Mr Stuart Yates were best men.

A reception was held at the Royal Geographical Society, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Pacific.

**Mr J. Olyer and Miss S. Hanger**  
The marriage took place on August 31, 1996, at Christ Church, East Sheen, of Mr Jonathan Olyer, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Olyer, and Miss Sue Hanger, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Hanger.

## Reception

Lord Mayor of Westminster, Sir Alan Mayors and Lady Mayors of Westminster were the hosts at a reception held last night at Westminster Council House to welcome the re-institution of the Pudding Mayoral Chair. The Clergy and Members of St James's, Sussex Gardens, and councillors were among the guests.

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## PERSONAL COLUMN

### DEATHS

**BLACKBURN** - On 31st August 1996, to Pippa (née Hargreaves) and Tim, a son, Barnaby Pippa Hargreaves, brother for Barnaby and Lucy.

**BRITTON** - On 29th August, to Caroline Anne (Lambert) and Edward, a daughter, Sophie Rosemary Gurney, a sister for Isobel.

**CANNWELL** - On September 1st at King's College, to Clare and Chisley, a son, Joseph James, a brother for Katy and Marie.

**DINGEMANS** - On September 1st 1996, to a daughter, Rebecca (Jewell) and Timothy, a daughter, Rebecca (Jewell), a sister for Rebecca and Lucy.

**GILL** - On 16th August 1996, to Alexander (John) and Susan, a daughter, Jessica Lydia Elizabeth, a sister for Stephanie and Thomas.

**MCICOCK** - On August 15th in Cornwall, to Pamela and Richard, a wonderful son, Adam James Sidney.

**HEDGECOCK** - On August 28th 1996, in California, to Paula and Robert, a son, Aidan John Kasean.

**HORNBUCKLE** - On 29th August 1996, to a daughter, Cathy (née Murray) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Cathy Rosemary, a sister for granddaughters Joan, Reuben, Kath and Don.

**DEATHS**

**AMERY** - Julia (Lord Amery of Lustleigh), On 2nd September, 1996, peacefully at home in London. Father of Leo, Louise, Tessa and Linda. Burial Service private on Thursday, 5th September, burial at Lustleigh, Devonshire. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

### DEATHS

**BLAKELY** - Dr. Edith, on 1st September at home aged 89 years. Beloved wife for sixty years of the late Dr. Robert Blakely, much loved mother of David, Robert and John, very dear grandmother of Peter, Robert, Kollo, Lucinda, Edward, Thomas, Alicia and Charlotte. Burial Service at St Martin's Church, Dorchester, on Tuesday 10th September at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations to African People's Charity, 111A Portland Road, London, N15 7RN, tel: (01508) 492223.

**BROWN** - Robert Walter, on 31st August 1996, suddenly aged 65 years of Woodbury, Dorset. Beloved husband of Joyce (née Brown), beloved father of Robert, John and Christopher. Burial Service at St Martin's Church, Dorchester, on Tuesday 10th September at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations to African People's Charity, 111A Portland Road, London, N15 7RN, tel: (01508) 492223.

**CARLISLE** - Monica Mary died on Monday 2nd September 1996, aged 85 years, much loved mother and grandmother. Enquiries to Phipps & Co Queens Ltd, 01534 33330.

**CARR** - Tragically as the result of a sudden heart attack, on 24th, whilst on holiday in Greece aged 43 years David William, son of David and Julia. Burial Service to be held at the United Reformed Church, 100, High Road, Blyth on Saturday September 7th at 10.30am. Friends please accept this invitation to meet at the church. Burial Service to be held at the R.N.L.I. Blyth Branch, 10 Carlton Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2DB. Enquiries to G. Lander & Son, (0171) 223-5492.

**CHALONER** - Mary Constance, beloved sister of Joan, died peacefully in hospital on September 1st aged 82 years after a short illness. Burial Service at St Luke's Church, 5W12 at 2.30 pm on September 10th followed by cremation at Blackshaw Road, SW17. Family flowers only. Donations to St Luke's Church, Battersea, c/o 14 Swindell Avenue, London, SW12 or London of Friends of the R.N.L.I. Blyth Branch, 10 Carlton Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2DB. Enquiries to G. Lander & Son, (0171) 223-5492.

**DEATHS**

**COOMBS** - Formerly of Stone House, Fawcett, Wiltshire, and Epton House, Dorset, died on 29th August 1996, aged 82. Beloved husband of Joyce (née Coombs), beloved father of Robert, John and Christopher. Burial Service at St Martin's Church, Dorchester, on Tuesday 10th September at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations to African People's Charity, 111A Portland Road, London, N15 7RN, tel: (01508) 492223.

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### DEATHS

**GOLDMAN** - On September 2nd 1996, Constance Freda aged 88 years, dearly loved wife of the late Mr. Goldman, beloved mother of David, Alison and Janet, and grandmother of Jonathan and Jennifer. Burial Service at St Martin's Church, Dorchester, on Tuesday 10th September at 11.00am. Family flowers only.

**GROVER** - Ruth Mary died peacefully on 29th August 1996, aged 82. Beloved wife of Frank and much loved and loving mother of Elizabeth and Roger, and grandmother of Caroline, Sally, Matthew, Louise and Tom. Private cremation followed by a service at All Saints Church, Banstead, on Friday 6th September at 2 pm. No flowers. Please send donations if desired to The Red Cross, 100, High Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2DB. Enquiries to G. Lander & Son, (0171) 223-5492.

**HEARNE** - Daphne of Mr. Kerry and Mrs. Daphne, died peacefully in her 82nd year on 2nd September 1996, aged 82. Beloved wife of the late Mr. Hearne, beloved mother of Elizabeth and Roger, and grandmother of Caroline, Sally, Matthew, Louise and Tom. Private cremation followed by a service at All Saints Church, Banstead, on Friday 6th September at 2 pm. No flowers. Please send donations if desired to The Red Cross, 100, High Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2DB. Enquiries to G. Lander & Son, (0171) 223-5492.

**HENDERSON** - Roger M.D. FRCP, on 23rd August at home in Norfolk, formerly of London. Beloved husband for 56 years of Patricia, father of Richard, Victoria and Frederick, and grandfather of James and James. A much loved man of dedication and integrity. Burial Service at St Martin's Church, Dorchester, on Tuesday 10th September at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations to African People's Charity, 111A Portland Road, London, N15 7RN, tel: (01508) 492223.

**HERRIDGE** - Law passed away peacefully in his sleep 30th August 1996, aged 73 years, and friend to many. Will be sadly missed. Burial will take place on Friday 6th September at 2 pm



## OBITUARIES

## LORD AMERY OF LUSTLEIGH

Lord Amery of Lustleigh, the former Conservative MP and Minister, died yesterday aged 77. He was born on March 27, 1919.

Julian Amery exercised great influence in the inner circles of the Conservative Party during the Macmillan era and, to some degree, afterwards. This was despite the fact that, to his own keen disappointment, he never held a Cabinet post. His special role owed partly to his family connections and partly to his own skills, which were the product of a rather remarkable combination of quixotic romanticism and sheer practical guile.

His wife, Catherine, whom he married in 1950 and who died in 1991, was Harold Macmillan's daughter. His father, Leo Amery, was one of the most ardent of all imperialists (Churchill once said of him that he regarded the Empire as his own personal property).

But the political creed adopted by Amery was no mere pale imitation of that espoused by Amery père. While the father rested his hopes mainly on the white Commonwealth, the son came to regard the Middle East and Africa as the principal foundations of British power. At the same time he believed that Britain belonged firmly in Europe where his unrepentant view was that it should bind itself in a special relationship with France. He thus combined the sentiments of "the old Tory imperial Right" with the fervent Europeanism which was the hallmark of Heathite Conservatism. (During the leadership election of November 1990 he was one of the more surprising supporters of Michael Heseltine.)

In marked contrast to his older brother, John, who was in constant trouble over money and ended up by being executed for treason in December 1945, the opening of Amery's own life was golden. At Eton and Balliol College, Oxford, he seemed to be preparing himself, quite consciously, for a political career: "the cleverest young man I have ever met," wrote Chips Channon. In 1938, while still an undergraduate, he was sent by the *Daily Express* to Spain, where he covered the civil war from the Nationalist side and conceived a considerable regard for Franco. On the outbreak of war, he became a press attaché at the British Embassy in Belgrade.

Amery himself described his wartime service, carried out mainly in the Balkans

for the Special Operations Executive, in his memoir *Approach March* (1973). He told the tale in the manner of John Buchan though, in his case, the hero often failed to triumph. It seemed to him wholly contrary to British interests to lend succour solely to communist Resistance movements in the Balkan countries.

Yet, so far as Yugoslavia was concerned, he had to sever his connections with the royalist Chetniks led by Mihailović. This came about when the Special Operations Executive authorised Fitzroy Maclean and others (including Amery's great friend, Randolph Churchill) to throw Britain's full weight behind Tito. In Albania, too, he had to abandon the guerrillas supporting King Zog in November 1944, after having himself fought with them (sustaining a minor wound to the face) for several months. His mission was, in his own words, an "utter failure": Britain had once again decided to back the Communists. When the war ended, he was in Chiang Kai-shek's China on yet another abortive mission.

In the postwar world, Amery had little cause to fear a recurrence of British indulgence towards communism. But a second threat to Britain, which was clear enough to him during the war, continued to haunt him. As he himself put it, foreign policy needed to take full account of "the dangers which Soviet imperialism and American anti-colonialism presented to our interests". He was, therefore, drawn towards other younger Tories, like Enoch Powell and Hugh Fraser, who saw the world in much the same terms.

In his early years in politics Amery found ample evidence of America's bad intentions. Entering Parliament, at his second attempt, as MP for Preston North in 1950 — his first bid had been in 1945 in the same borough in double harness with Randolph Churchill — he identified himself, above all, with the issue of Suez. The zone was an area where, in his view, British interests were being sacrificed on the altar of American foreign policy. He became secretary of the determined Suez Group of Conservative MPs, formed in protest against Eden's abandonment of the canal base in 1954.

In the early stages he was buoyed up by the knowledge that the Prime Minister, Churchill, secretly supported his attacks on Eden. When Nasser nationalised the canal, Amery's voice was perhaps the loudest in calling for the use of force. But when force was abandoned, he did not



join the other members of the Suez Group in resigning the Conservative Whip.

By the time his colleagues did that, Amery himself, thanks his critics always said to neopotsism, was a junior minister at the War Office in the Government of his father-in-law, Harold Macmillan. The next major retreat in the Middle East, the withdrawal from Cyprus, took place with Amery's own aid. As Under-Secretary of State at the Colonial Office, 1958-60, he handled some of the most difficult aspects of the independence negotiations, to his father-in-law's evident satisfaction.

After a stint as Secretary of State for Air, 1960-62, he became Minister of Aviation

1962-64, stimulating considerable controversy by his enthusiasm for the Anglo-French Concorde project. One of his children, hearing the words "author of peace and lover of Concord" during a church service, imagined that reference was being made to her father. The case against Amery, which he never answered satisfactorily, is that he set aside economic considerations in order to win French goodwill during Britain's Common Market negotiations. Astute manoeuvring by Macmillan was needed to overcome almost total Cabinet opposition.

In the Heath and Thatcher years, Amery tended to be regarded as an

influential, but largely predictable, spokesman for the Tory Right on such issues as Rhodesia, where he was the leader of the backbench rebellion against the imposition of sanctions in 1965. Having been out of Parliament between 1966 and 1969, when he won Brighton Pavilion in a by-election, he can hardly have counted on being included in the Heath Government formed in 1970. But the Prime Minister, overlooking his Rhodesian rebellion which had split the party three ways, appears to have concluded that he would be more trouble outside than in. Still, the initial posts he held — Minister of State at Public Buildings and Works, 1970 and at Housing, 1970-72 — seemed clear indications that his stock was not rising. Yet, whatever his private disappointment, he gave little public sign of dissatisfaction. This was probably just as well, since his final post as Minister of State at the Foreign Office gave him particular gratification, coinciding as it did with Britain's accession to the European Community.

In the House of Commons, which he left only in 1992, Amery was regarded with genuine affection by a following that was large enough for him to give serious consideration to standing in the Tory leadership election that saw Margaret Thatcher defeat Edward Heath in 1975 (as it was, his friend Hugh Fraser stood instead, collecting a mere 15 votes).

Never particularly close to the new regime, Amery was not rewarded with office in 1979 or in either of the subsequent two Governments Margaret Thatcher formed. He was created a life peer by John Major in the Dissolution Honours of 1992 and looked forward, until ill-health intervened, to playing an active part in the Upper House.

If he ended up as a largely unfulfilled career, it was probably because Amery paid the price of being a politician born out of his time. He was a Cavalier of politics forced to live in an age of Roundheads. Even his house, the last single private residence left in Eaton Square, in which he had lived since he was five years old, bore full witness to his streak of romanticism. In the hall stood an enormous stone lion, the staircase was covered with portraits of Persian princes, many holding scimitars in threatening postures, while no table seemed complete without a silver ornamental dagger. It was not so much a politician's home as an Aladdin's cave — the lair of someone who

still saw political life as pre-eminently a game of high adventure.

Amery himself never bothered to deny this as the source of his own motivation. He was fond of recalling how, as a schoolboy of 11, he had met Lloyd George and told him he wanted to be a sailor. "What do you want to be a sailor for?" the great man demanded. "There are greater storms in politics than you'll ever find at sea. Piracy, broadsides, blood on the deck you'll find them all in politics." From that moment on, according to his own account, the young Amery was "a political captive".

Not surprisingly, the grey men of the Conservative Party fastened on that sort of confession to label him "a buccancer". And there was certainly a buccaneering element in his make-up, which came perhaps most to the fore when he acted as a particularly rumbustious campaign manager for Lord Hailsham in his forlorn bid for the leadership after Macmillan's retirement in 1963. But in himself he was far from being a conventional right-winger. Having lived through the family trauma of his own brother's hanging — he actually sat in a taxi outside Wandsworth Prison waiting for the notice to be pinned up — he voted for the abolition of capital punishment in all the death penalty debates that dragged on in the Commons through four decades. And he was by no means opposed to government economic intervention and was a firm upholder of the welfare state, both attitudes that tended to make him an unfashionable figure in the context of the modern Conservative Party.

His voice — rich, sonorous but with a strange 1930s' cockney twang — added to an old-world impression, as did his way-of-life which, latterly at least, always started with a large drink at 11am (the hour at which he normally rose). He was the last survivor of an altogether grander Tory tradition, the heir of a bloodline that always combined imperialism abroad with domestic reform at home.

Imperial affairs were the predominant theme not merely of his political career but of his writing as well: he completed, producing the last three volumes by the end of the 1960s, the magisterial life of Joseph Chamberlain that had begun by J.L. Garvin. Although his wife predeceased him by five years, he is survived by one son and three daughters.

## BRUCE LIDINGTON

Bruce Lidington, actor and chairman of Families Need Fathers, died from heart disease on August 5 aged 46. He was born on January 30, 1950.

THE actor Bruce Lidington, had been national chairman of the charity Families Need Fathers since 1995. He was also an activist for the Liberal Democrats Party in Harrow, where he lived his whole life, as had his family for generations before him.

He was educated at Harrow County Grammar school, where his interest in acting was first kindled. He used to describe how a contemporary whom he did not admire, Michael Portillo, once berated him for his poor Spanish accent in a school play.

He trained as an actor at the

Webber Douglas Academy. A talented and reliable jobbing actor who liked to do a variety of work, he was also in demand for his accomplished fencing and riding skills.

When "resting", he threw himself into local politics and later Families Need Fathers.

His greatest achievement was to soften an angry misogynist image from which Families Need Fathers had sometimes suffered. If there has been a change in attitudes to "absent fathers" (a term he abhorred), and if public opinion now appears ready to accept that men often get a raw deal in divorce and that this affects children adversely, then the typically gentle pressure applied by Lidington helped to bring this about.

After drama school he spent several years in rep, and his



career had many television and film credits, including *Doubling Thomas* in Zeffirelli's *Jesus of Nazareth*. He was famous among soap fans for a stint as PC Cater in *Cross-*

roads. His many other television appearances included *Z Cars*, *Dangerfield*, *Thief-takers*, *Love with a Perfect Stranger* and *Bergerac*. His last job, filmed a few weeks before he died, was as an American surgeon in the new Richard Attenborough film, *In Love and War*.

In 1974, appalled at the development spoiling his beloved Harrow, he joined the local Liberal Party. It was through local politics in Harrow that he met Sheila Johnson, whom he married in 1978. Although they separated in 1989, they always co-operated fully over their daughter's upbringing.

Any anger about his own separation soon passed. In fact, he never divorced and continued to wear his wedding ring. But when he contacted

Families Need Fathers for advice, he saw that many other fathers were the victims of a "see you in court" approach to divorce, which was damaging to all parties, especially the children.

He founded a London branch of Families Need Fathers and became the charity's national media spokesman. The performer in him meant that he enjoyed his outings on the television and the radio, but he could never be accused of vanity. He was incurably scruffy, a self-rolled cigarette permanently in his fingers.

In 1995 he became chairman of Families Need Fathers. He resented those who described the charity as a "pressure group". Its main work, he insisted, was in helping fathers with practical, legal and emotional advice on how to stay in contact with their children.

He warned parliamentarians of the catastrophe that would be the Child Support Agency. Fathers should pay maintenance, he argued, but not through a rigid arithmetic formula which would create injustices. He regretted the recent "no fault" divorce reforms. He feared that couples desperate to part would begin making lawyer-inspired accusations of abuse in order to short-circuit the 18-month cooling-off period.

His efforts left Families Need Fathers in a healthy state. At the time of his death he was opening lines of communication with organisations like The National Council for One Parent Families, hoping to persuade them that if single mothers wanted independence, one of the ways they could get it was to involve the father in the child's upbringing rather than to try and exclude him.

His wife and daughter survive him.

## DAVID SNELL

David Snell, Headmaster of Abbotsholme School, Derbyshire, 1967-81, died on July 21 aged 74. He was born on July 14, 1922.

AS THE headmaster of Abbotsholme School, David Snell developed the progressive educational methods that had been pioneered by Kurt Hahn at Gordonstoun. A protégé of Hahn's, he had already, in 1962, founded Nigeria's multi-racial International School at Ibadan University, basing it on Hahn's philosophy and aided by three former Gordonstoun teachers: the challenge of integrating pupils and staff of diverse nationalities and both sexes into a completely new institution was formidable. But the school was a firmly established success by the time Snell returned to Britain in 1967.

Hahn's thinking had appealed to Snell's liberal and inquiring mind while he was at Oxford: he shared Hahn's belief that the purpose of education was to develop the whole personality rather than purely academic achievement, and that this should be done in a family context that relied on reason rather than on traditional forms of authority.

He taught first at Gordonstoun, and after two years went to South Africa to teach at St John's, Johannesburg, which was then much along the lines of an archetypal English public school. After a year, Snell eagerly took up an invitation to return to Gordonstoun as a housemaster; the insight he had gained into South African life under apartheid left him with a lasting detestation of racialism.

Samuel David Snell was born at Newlyn, Gloucestershire. He was five when his father, a devout Methodist, gave up farming in order to

run one of the church's National Children's Homes in Cheshire; he was brought up there, until he went to the Methodist Kingswood School, Bath.

The chapel ethos of social responsibility and sense of mission profoundly influenced the Snell children, several of whom became missionaries; and it found expression in David's work in Nigeria (although he himself was later an Anglican).



Snell read chemistry at Liverpool University, and served in the Royal Engineers and Indian Army as a captain before going to Oriel College, Oxford, in 1947 to read for a diploma in education.

His role at Gordonstoun on his return from Nigeria was to head the new Altyre House, which was actually some 15 miles distant and effectively a separate school. It later moved to the centre, with Snell becoming housemaster of Round House Square and also the school's second master.

Hahn was instrumental in Snell's appointment to Abbotsholme in Derbyshire, one of the earliest of the 20th-century progressive schools, founded by Cecil Reddie, and on which Hahn had based first Salem in

Germany and then the Scottish school Gordonstoun.

But Snell's Abbotsholme was no mere replica of Gordonstoun. He placed greater emphasis on cultural values than on physical prowess, and he was determined to go fully co-educational, rather than restricting co-education to the sixth form as some other schools did. The fortuitous closure of a nearby girls' school, St Vincent's, enabled him to effect a merger that provided a broad balance at all age levels.

To foster the family concept, pupils and staff ate together, with places rotating so that different age groups and sexes mixed on equal terms; amphitheatre seating replaced the rectangular chapel assembly hall.

Snell believed that an understanding of nature was vital to a child's development, and he included in the curriculum the opportunity to work on the school farm.

Snell had a humility and friendliness rare in headmasters: he was content to trust others to implement his ideas. A seemingly far-fetched one was to make Abbotsholme a centre of cultural excellence for both pupils and the wider public. He sparked off the hitherto unrealised creative talents as an impresario of the director of music, Gordon Clark.

A brilliant musician, whose idiosyncrasies would have tested the patience of a saint, Clark was given his head by Snell, and the Abbotsholme Arts Society emerged. It was blessed with an assembly hall of superb acoustics, and within a few years attracted a remarkable range of great musicians, artists and political figures.

Snell married in 1956 Delphine Meredith-Stanner, who survives him, together with four sons and a daughter.

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The first cordless office, set up in Threadneedle Street in the heart of the City of London, is the creation of Morgan Lovell, the office planning and design specialist.

Technology has always led change in the office, and just as the typewriter, telegraph and telephone shaped the office as we know it today, the emergence of the computer in the 1970s and 1980s has prompted the introduction of new cordless technologies to reduce, and in some cases remove, the need for cabling. Telephone extensions and computers in local area networks will be able to operate effectively without wire.

Two technologies lead the way: cordless office telephones and cordless local area networks. They will use radio waves or infra-red to allow individuals and machines to communicate without a cable linking them.

Morgan Lovell says that as well as removing the physical restraints, cost and complexities of cable management in the office, the technologies will introduce freedom and flexibility for the first time, allowing office workers true mobility and choice about when and where to work.

Philip Ross, marketing director of Morgan Lovell, has spent the past five years researching the emergence of cordless technologies

**Christopher Warman says that the cordless office heralds radical change at work**

and their impact on work and the workplace. He says: "The modern office, like a city, is often impersonal. We want to take people back to the village, the market square, where they can meet and talk, to share ideas."

"The office factory is not an acceptable concept, but the office cafe is attractive. And the new technologies mean that the worker cannot be accused of skiving when away from the desk—he or she will always be accessible."

The cordless office will have several different parts, including the traditional desk for solo work, and conference rooms. But there are also lay-bys in what used to be a corridor where staff can stop to make or answer a call.

Then there is the touchdown peer-to-peer meeting pod. This has been designed by Morgan Lovell as an informal meeting area, where two to four people can gather. Using the cordless network, their notebook computers can be connected together to enable them to work on the same document simultaneously. There will be no opportunity to relax, though, because there are no chairs, on the ground

that workers are supposed to be more efficient and productive when standing.

The centre of the office is the market place, which encourages action between staff members. It will contain central services such as catering and secretarial functions, reception, mailpoint, printers and fax machines. Though these machines still require cabled power, they will be clustered together.

The reduction or removal of cabling will enable buildings with low ceilings and no raised floor, and listed buildings, to be brought more easily into use. Mr Ross explains: "The size of this market should not be underestimated. During the explosion of networked IT during the 1980s, the typical 1960s building with its low ceiling height did not allow for a raised floor to be installed. So 'old' buildings were demolished to make way for the high-tech 1980s environment."

Cordless technology, however, will make it possible, and indeed attractive, to make use of older office stock.

With cordless technology, the "virtual office" becomes closer to reality: a mix of environments and locations, with people working sometimes from a local neighbourhood satellite office, sometimes from home, often from the client's premises, and occasionally from the central office.

Mr Ross adds: "The benefits in increased quality of life, through reduced commuting and flexible hours are immediate."



Look, no wires: phone extensions and computers will not need them

## BRIEFINGS

□ DGL, the management company for Deutsche Bank's open-ended property fund, has acquired Land Securities' long leasehold at 33 Grosvenor Place, London SW1, for an undisclosed price, in the largest single property investment deal in the West End for more than six years. Jones Lang Wootton reports.

Land Securities completed the redevelopment of the property in 1992, with an entirely new 198,520 sq ft building constructed behind the retained façades. The building was prelet to Amerasia Hess, the oil and natural gas company, as its UK headquarters, and it sublet 52,447 sq ft to Merrill Lynch as the West End headquarters of its international private banking operation.

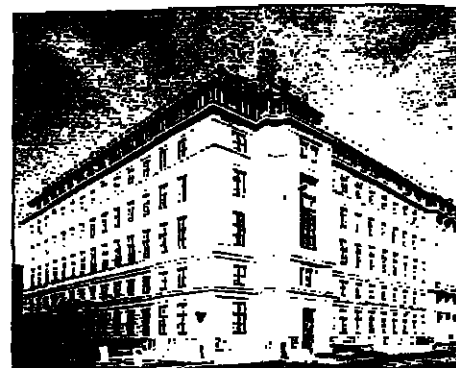
The transaction represents DGL's third acquisition in London and the sale forms part of the long-term redeployment of its assets in the Victoria area.

□ IN ONE of the largest land sales in recent months, Orbital Park has sold 15 acres of development land in Ashford, Kent, to the Secretary of State for Transport for £3 million for the relocation of the town market. Outline planning permission has been granted and the

market is expected to move from the town centre early in 1998 to make way for the fast rail link through the centre of Ashford. Orbital Park is being promoted by Eurotunnel Developments and provides 100 acres for 1 million sq ft of distribution, light industrial and office uses.

□ SKANSKA London Branch announces that AT&T Communications (UK), the voice communications division of AT&T, has acquired 91,000 sq ft at the Quadrant, an air-conditioned office building at the Thomas More Square development east of Tower Bridge, London E1.

Terms have not been disclosed but Skanska was quoted £19 a sq ft, and the deal is one of the largest non-prelet acquisitions in central London this year. The letting means that 74 per cent of Thomas More Square is now under contract.



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Terrestrial channels must woo back minority viewers

## A television diet to suit all tastes

It's only the black dating show that worries me. Otherwise, my unease about the black Friday nights that BBC2 plans for autumn is that they are too late in both senses of the word.

Black and Asian viewers may be already so hooked on satellite and cable channels that terrestrial television can never win them back. And what these groups want from the BBC, ITV and Channel 4 is a more attractive view of themselves at peak time, not more of themselves in late night shows targeted to their own interests.

The ethnic preference for the new channels is indisputable. It was noticed by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board in October 1994 and confirmed in further investigation by Carlton UK Television, with the help of NOP Consumer Market Research. The facts are bad news for Carlton, for 70 per cent of the 2.4 million people describing themselves as Black or Asian in the last census live in its franchise regions. London and the Midlands.

Of course, the two racial groups are by no means alike in tastes. Yet both not only make far greater use of satellite and cable channels than the television audience as a whole, when they do tune into the terrestrial channels they are cool to the strong English flavour of peak-time entertainment. Rather than *Inspector Morse*, costume dramas and even *Coronation Street*, they prefer the smooth, homogenised appeal of American and Australian imports such as *The Cosby Show* and *Neighbours*.

Achieving multiculturalism on the mainstream channels is no easy matter. You can't accuse them of not trying — not with ITN's Trevor McDonald and the BBC's Moira Stuart in the up-front roles of newscasters. Nor can you blame television dramatists. It is hard to find a contemporary series or soap opera without good strong parts for ethnic minority actors. But these do generally present blacks and Asians as peripheral characters in contemporary British life — portrayals in which, rightly or wrongly, they see themselves stereotyped.

Then there is the matter of special tastes. For blacks, Carlton's research found that radio is often the more satisfactory medium, thanks to stations such as Choice FM, dedicated to blacks. In many black households, it seems, the television is kept switched on with the sound off in order to give the radio priority. They also like satellite sports channels because of the prominence given to black athletes.

Asian groups, who like children's and

information programmes on terrestrial television, tend to shy away from peak time for moral reasons. With a habit of multi-generational viewing, young as well as old are embarrassed by watching anything racy in the other's company.

So there's the assignment for the terrestrials: broaden your appeal without losing the wit, idiom and allusiveness that makes the majority of the British viewing public prefer British-made programmes to blander imported products.

In mid-October we will see BBC2's entry, *The A-Force*, made by the BBC's African-Caribbean Unit in Manchester, will be a 11.5-million, two-and-a-half-hour Friday evening attempt to please both the particular and the general audience, with a black drama with "plenty of comic elements", as well as a "raucous" (the BBC's word) dating show in which black contestants will take their pick from a virtual reality dating bank.

Will the BBC allow the contestants to pick partners from other ethnic groups? I hope they will but I have not been able to get the BBC to say so. If the choice is confined to same-race only, that will be ghettoisation indeed.

For ITV's part, a Carlton spokesman has said that the company knows it must entice ethnic audiences to watch at peak times: "we literally cannot afford for them not to be watching our programmes." For that matter, neither can advertisers. For an increasingly multicultural society, their commercials are too white.

The estimable David Elstein, appointed late last week as chief executive of Channel 5, has only one flaw as far as I can see. This is his curious habit of pronouncing "years" as "yaz", no small matter for someone who, having passed through the whole British television universe, from the BBC to BSkyB, rises to pontificate at every television gathering.

Elstein even seems to have acquired a sense of humour. We had thought, hearing him at the Edinburgh Television Festival earlier last week, that his jokes about Channel 5's minuscule programme budget were directed at Dawn Airey, the new channel's combative programme director. Now we know he was laughing at his own plight. All Channel 5 will have to spend in wooing its desired near-national audience is £110 million a year.

That's not much more than goes into the programmes for the television channel for Wales.



BRENDA MADDOX

## Enter the ITV no-fun zone

BE WARY of accepting party invitations from Claudia Rosencrantz, the pouting controller of entertainment at ITV.

Ms Rosencrantz, 37, who is responsible for bringing such gems as *Man O' Man* and *The Shane Ritchie Experience* to our screens, has cheerfully described herself as a teetotal control freak who likes nothing better than staying sober and watching whilst others get drunk and fall over.

"I tried alcohol when I was young but didn't like the taste and never really got into it," she confessed to horrified on-lookers. "I could count on one hand the number of times I have been in a pub."

As if that wasn't bad enough Ms Rosencrantz said one of her formative career experiences was meeting another teetotaler, the Dalek-like David Montgomery, at a media party while she was a young hackette working for *Elle* magazine. Montgomery,



Rosencrantz: total teetotal

then Editor of the *News of the World* and now chief executive of the Mirror Group, was so impressed by her temperance he rang her the next day to offer her a job. "He was the only person in the room as sober as me," giggled Miss Rosencrantz.

Staff at ITV are meanwhile monitoring their alcohol units. "I can't imagine there would be a very high fun factor at one of Claudia's parties," said one disloyal member of staff.

● Anecdotes about the curious behaviour of BBC staff behind the closed doors of Television Centre continue apace. Former commissioning executive Michael Atwell's fond recollections of seeing Michael Jackson, the new BBC1 controller, take off his

shoes and walk barefoot over his office furniture while squeezing a stress ball, has brought memories flooding back for other former employees.

One producer, who occupied an office in the labyrinth of corridors at television HQ, remembers being picked off by a man who came to see him from BBC's *Estate*.

The tugging official inspected the executive's office furniture before ordering it to be dismantled and partly removed. The naughty producer was told he had overreached himself by having four drawers in his desk instead of the regulation three.

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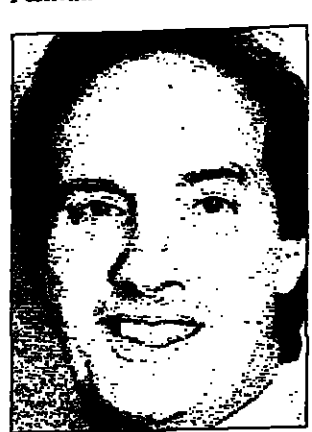
THE SECRET of running a successful newspaper is, they say, understanding your market. Will Hutton, Editor of *Will Hutton's Observer* as he likes to call it, clearly believes his readers are to be found shopping at Habitat.

Hence free copies of *The Observer* were being given away last Sunday at the Habitat store in London's King's Road. The trouble was, no one was taking them. "We had absolutely stacks left," said one shop worker. "I think a lot of people mistook it for our in-house magazine."

● A recent debate on the growing power of spin doctors

to influence the coverage of political stories in the media was remarkable for its total lack of... spin doctors.

The wheelers and dealers of Westminster, not usually backwards in coming forward to make their points known, apparently developed an attack of shyness as the date drew nearer for the debate at the Edinburgh Television Festival.



Hutton: summer sale

The audience, hoping to hear from a glitzy panel of Peter Mandelsons, Bernard Inghams and Alistair Campbell, found themselves having to make do with the rather more motley crew of Charles Kennedy, Donald Dewar, Shaun Woodward, Michael Brunson and Mark Damazer, the BBC's editor of current affairs.

Mr Mandelson, the Labour Party's so-called "evil genius", had intriguingly accepted an invitation to take part in the debate but later withdrew. "I believe he had a barbeque to attend," said an official source.

## Mr Money

AS IF it was not enough to see Mr Motivator bursting out of his Lycra unitard five mornings a week, it seems the powers that be at GMTV have decided we need to see more.

The man who girds his loins before millions of housewives in his regular fitness slot is rumoured to be about to star in a cartoon series based on his character and imaginatively entitled *The Mighty Motivator*. Staff at GMTV are overcome with excitement about the project. "Everybody loves Mr Motivator," said one. "You should have seen him on his Fun in the Sun tour in Spain — he was mobbed."

Meanwhile, Mr Motivator himself, real name Derrick Evans, whose marriage to Sandra Palmer recently featured on the front cover of *Hell* magazine, has clearly avoided the customary curse. After earning reported royalties of £1 million from his fitness videos, T-shirts and merchandise, he has secured half the rights to the cartoon for himself, a canny move expected to earn him a few more hundred thousand.

## Contract of the decade up for grabs



Young: news addition

CHANNEL 5, the UK's fifth terrestrial television station, which announced Kirsty Young as its main newscaster last week, is poised to unveil the official shortlist of agencies invited to compete for its prestigious launch advertising contract.

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The commercial station has earmarked only posters and press for the launch activity, leaving television off the media schedule. Perhaps it doesn't believe in television as an advertising medium...

Agencies are increasingly eschewing traditional payment methods and charging clients by results, according to a remuneration survey by Willott Kingston Smith, the specialist accountancy firm.

While only 13 per cent of shops opted for results-related pay schemes in 1993, that figure has now rocketed to 41

per cent, increasing threefold in the past 12 months alone.

Payment based on commission of media spend remains the dominant source of agency income, with fee systems remaining a close second.

The survey reveals, however, that while performance-related pay is growing, agencies are ending up with less income. This would suggest that either they are not negotiating their payment-by-results contracts tightly enough or, erm, they just aren't getting the results.

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Opinions on the changes at Express Newspapers range from approval to derision, reports Carol Midgley

# Can a seven-day newspaper survive?

When the news leaked out that United Newspapers was planning to merge the *Daily Express* and the *Sunday Express* as a joint operation, the groans of derision around Fleet Street were audible. "It's been done before and failed," came the collective cry. "Why risk repeating the mistakes of the past?"

Indeed, history has shown that asking staff to work for two titles at the same time is nothing short of disastrous within the culture of British newspapers. Unlike America, where the seven-day system is a successful norm, the British public expect their Sunday paper to be a quite distinctive product.

Today, which launched amid great fanfare in 1986, promised to be the first seven-day newspaper, a bright colour-out product which seemed to have an even brighter future. Within a year, the Sunday edition had been shelved. Staff complained of working ludicrously long hours, becoming disorientated and jaded by having to show loyalty to two editors. Sales on Sunday were a pitiful 190,000.

But if the Express Newspapers hype is to be believed, the new plans could mark a radical departure from this tried-and-tested formula. A "five-day-two-day" system is promised, which could effectively separate the Saturday and Sunday issues from the Monday to Friday papers, producing a strong weekend package.

Although the new system will involve a single, streamlined editorial team, management insist they will produce brighter weekend papers. There will be a pullout sports section every day, double the

number of colour pages, increased pagination and two new colour magazines. Ironically, Sue Douglas, who edited the *Sunday Express* for just nine months before unceremoniously "resigning" yesterday, having failed to sufficiently revive circulation (at present 1.2 million), helped to draw up a blueprint for this operation. The shared resources system is likely to mean that key areas such as feature writers, picture desks, sports staff, foreign correspondents and magazine staff will be merged.

Staff are gloomily awaiting the execution of 85 further redundancies on top of already savage cost-cutting. "They probably won't need to carry out sackings," said one. "We'll be queuing up to leave."

Similar sentiment was voiced seven years ago when the *Sunday Telegraph* and the *Daily Telegraph* were merged by Andrew Knight, the chief executive. Overnight, journalists were married into one team working on a seven-day rota and contributing to both titles. Peregrine Worsthorne, then Editor of the Sunday title, was left to edit the leader pages while a new Editor from the daily, Trevor Grove, was appointed.

Although it worked in some respects — certain foreign correspondents, for example, are still shared between the titles — fundamental problems emerged almost immediately. The Sunday paper effectively became a poor relation, surrendering its maga-

zine to the all-important Saturday issue. Last year, with sales at 650,000, it finally got its magazine back. Max Hastings, then Editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, who became overall Editor of both titles, said: "I think, certainly from my experience at the *Telegraph*, that it is a very difficult thing to do."

"It is somewhere between difficult and impossible for the same group of people who have been working all week on the news to bring a fresh eye to the Sunday paper. A Sunday paper has to have a separate

there being only 34 needed. By the following year, the papers showed a temporary profit. Andreas Whitam Smith, the former overall Editor of both papers, said: "You must have a separate editing brain for each title even if you merge the staff."

"What the *Independent* did was mainly an exercise in saving money but it is much better to have a separate staff. I don't see why there cannot be a Saturday Editor, a Sunday Editor and a Monday to Friday Editor."

The Express move has reopened the argument at Associated Newspapers to merge the *Daily Mail* and *Mail on Sunday*. Although Sir David English, the chairman, is known to be against the idea, some management see the advantages of such a scheme with Paul Doore in overall charge.

Those who have seen the system in practice say it is nothing short of madness. Peter McKay, a former Sunday editor of *Today* said he believed the Express plan was doomed. "I think it is a wild, mad idea dreamt up by marketing consultants. As soon as I heard it I thought that was the toll of doom. When I worked for the *Daily Express* they had one general manager. Now they have dozens of management consultants. It is one of these grotesque American ideas but it will not work in this country. People cannot work for two newspapers at the same time — you have to have a feel for a particular paper and have a feel for its rhythms and

needs." Anthony Holden, *Daily Express* columnist and founding Sunday editor of *Today*, said the Express strategy was fresh and had not been tried before. "At *Today*, everything was wrong and ten years on nobody need any longer hide the fact that although Brian MacArthur was an excellent Editor-in-chief, the weekday editor Jonathan Holburn and myself were like chalk and cheese, with different aspirations and ideas."

"But the management have clearly thought this through. They are right in focusing on American and continental models, not previous British ones. This could revolutionise British journalism."

Andrew Neil, the former Editor of the *Sunday Times*, said Sue Douglas had not had enough backing from management to make the *Sunday Express* work on its own.

"She had two problems. There was no management commitment to long-term investment and, being a young and new Editor, there was no one with sufficient experience and seniority she could turn to. But I have huge respect for Sue. She has a creative mind and will make a great Editor."

Sir David English said: "It works in America but the culture is totally different here. In theory it definitely leads to more efficiencies because you need fewer people but in Britain you need a different type of paper on a Sunday."

He said he would welcome more competition from the Express but added: "I don't think it is going to produce better, more stylish journalism, and that is what we think we are winning on."



Sue Douglas resigned yesterday after an unsuccessful drive to revive the *Sunday Express*

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Giles Whittell on the magazines that brought down a Clinton aide

The day Dick Morris resigned in disgrace last week was a busy one for America's tabloids. Ghosts were found roaming aboard the *Queen Mary* and Fidel Castro was caught trying to steal the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia. A deadly Marfan virus threatened Earth and a top secret American supertrain hit 1,000mph on a test track in southern Illinois. Michael Jackson began going bald as well as black.

Amid such tumult, Mr Morris, the former Clinton campaign strategist, may be secretly chuffed to have managed to grab headlines with mere rumours of a fling with a call-girl. Or he may consider himself a victim of rotten luck: American tabloids seldom bother with politics and are regarded even by the millions who buy them as background entertainment.

The *Star*, which had the exclusive on the latest White House sex scandal, is one of six gaudy, mass-market scandal sheets known as "super-market tabloids". Their impact on public affairs is sporadic at best, but their impact on the nation's grocery chains is striking. Unlike British tabloids, American ones — *The Star*, *The American Enquirer*, *The Globe*, *The National Examiner* and the *Weekly World News* — are all weeklies and are sold almost exclusively to shoppers waiting at checkout tills. The result is a rude barrage of gossip, explicit and wild science fiction that assaults customers from the megamarts of the Midwest to the snooty grocery stores of Southern California.

"New Photo of the Life on Mars!" screamed the *Weekly World News* last week, describing a grotesquely magnified picture of a common dust mite as the "frightening picture NASA didn't want the world to see". Next on the rack, *The Sun*, under a cover story about olive oil being Hollywood's latest miracle cure, promised a photograph of black and white Siamese twins joined at the head (it was there on page 3, with everything but a credit for the airbrush artist). The *National Enquirer*, market leader with a circulation of more than 4 million, led its edition with a relatively tame expose of the plastic surgery secrets of 150 movie stars.

In stark contrast, British supermarkets offer a checkout ambience of sombre self-improvement. Titles available for browsing at Sainsbury's include *Parenting*, *Good Housekeeping* and *Disability*

## Tabloids that sell scandal at the checkout



Weeklies that shoppers buy while getting their groceries

roundly mocked for our tabloids, but at least they know their place — the newsagent. The difference appears to be a cultural one. It certainly has nothing to do with time spent waiting in checkout queues, according to Paul Hughes, manager of Steven Spielberg's neighbourhood supermarket in the leafy Los Angeles suburb of Pacific Palisades. Customers seldom have to wait more than a few seconds to pay, yet he sells several hundred copies of each tabloid every week.

Who buys them is a mystery. In this relatively upper-middle-class district no one will own up to a tabloid habit. "They're trash," said Nanette Taylor, 45, of the entire genre, though as a Republican she admitted greeting the Dick

Others are less dismissive. In 1992, Bill Clinton was forced to take extremely seriously a report in *The Star* of his alleged 12-year affair with Gennifer Flowers. Only an abject public apology saved his campaign.

Not to be outdone on political coverage, the *Weekly World News* announced that an alien had visited George Bush at the Camp David presidential retreat the previous year, only to flirt with Ross Perot's maverick economic policies and eventually endorse Mr Clinton, who obligingly posed with a copy of the paper saying "I'm broadening my base".

More recently, the *National Enquirer* jumped for a blissful year from the supermarket to the mainstream, adding 500,000 to its average weekly circulation, thanks to one O.J.

Simpson cover stories in the 27 weeks before his trial and quickly won a reputation for reliable scoops. In one of them, sources described hearing the defendant confess to the murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman. The story was re-reported in *The New York Times*, which was promptly denounced by other "quality" reporters who privately kicked themselves for not trusting the *Enquirer* sooner.

On a spectrum of tabloid respectability the *Enquirer* and the *Weekly World News* occupy opposite ends, the latter sitting firmly at the end marked "zero". Produced, ironically, in a tiny corner of the *Enquirer's* headquarters and printed on the bigger paper's presses, the *WVN* is America's answer to *Sunday Sport* but without the soft porn. It is the domain of Elvis sightings, NASA-alien conspiracies and endless, exuberant invention on all things from the health benefits of gambling to that remarkable top-secret supertrain. Like *Sunday Sport*, the *WVN* is cult reading on many a college campus. But a more notable accolade came recently from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine. Touched by an obituary being prepared on a cowboy who had asked to be buried "standing tall in his grave", the magazine's Greg Sadow called this parody of a newspaper "one of the few media outlets left that talks in the plainspoken, outraged but also sentimental voice of America's heartland".

Which brings us to the real irony of American supermarket tabloids: that they were practically invented by the British. Lured by starting salaries of \$50,000 (£33,000) excluding expenses, Fleet Street veterans began emigrating in the early 1970s to the Florida towns of Lantana and Boca Raton which, between them, produce all six weeklies. The area is known in the trade as Tabloid Valley.

"Doorstepping and stake-outs were alien concepts to American reporters," says Gary Morgan, who now runs a tabloid agency in Los Angeles. "They hired loads of Brits because they knew we were better at it."

Billy Burt, who eventually edited the *National Examiner*, once called American reporters "dreary, humourless utopians out to save the world". He went on: "Ghosts? The occult? We don't say these stories are true. We just report them." Millions of shoppers may thank him. Dick Morris

## Editors who live on their wits

It's getting pretty tough for newspaper funny men to make a steady living, largely because of the competition they face nowadays from the new giants of surreal humour, such as television comedy and the British prison service.

But that doesn't stop smart newspaper editors from scouring the country (for country, read rivals) for humorous writers and cartoonists. Why? Because these can define a paper's tone and character almost as much as the leaders or the crossword. They also help to distinguish newspapers from television news.

Take this week's relaunch of *Punch*: it shows great faith in humour's power to grab audiences. It also underlines how serious the humour business has become.

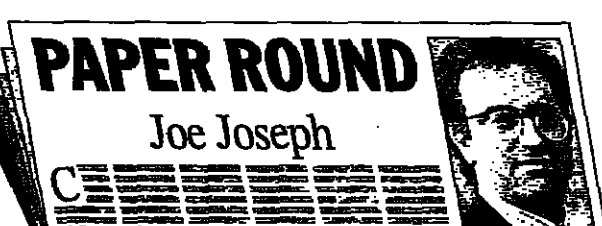
Remember the time when someone would have an idea for an amusing magazine, would write up a few routines and cartoonists, find a printer, and then hit the streets with something called *Punch*, *The New Yorker* or *Private Eye* and hope that enough other people got the joke to keep the team employed for another week?

Well, humour is a much more serious, sober-sided affair these days: the £3 million relaunch of *Punch* — complete with portentous mission statements and charts mapping out the landscape of potential readers by age/sex/current reading/waist size — shows how carefully targeted news-stand humour has become.

Then again, humour has always been a fairly serious business. Ask anyone who has seen a crack cartoonist nearing his deadline (the late Mel Calman, cartoonist for *The Times*, could produce the most magical wit, and was always kindly, but he smiled less frequently than pandas get randy; Dorothy Parker was not the world's happiest creature; and James Thurber could be pretty grim company, too).

An editorial leader always looks as if it has been huffed and puffed over — that's half the point of it. But an amusing column is supposed to read as if it came off the top of the writer's head.

That is why the greatest practitioners are so cosseted by their editors. Keith



pillars that props up the *Daily Mail*. Only those who have seen Parliament on a slow day (ie, almost all the time) might fully appreciate Matthew Parris's skill as parliamentary sketchwriter for this paper. Craig Brown produces wonderful parodies for several papers. Alan Coren, in his weekly columns for *The Times*, spins out 800-words in a tradition stretching back to the great American humorists S.J. Perelman and Robert Benchley. Auberon Waugh is so artful that he almost makes his humour look like an accidental by-product.

Keen to inject more and more wit into their pages, several newspapers have even hired stand-up comics — such as Jo Brand and Harry Enfield — to pen columns.

Even previously humour-free zones have been colonised. Clive James gets the credit for turning television reviews into a cabaret turn, but Nancy Banks-Smith has for years pulled off the altogether harder trick of writing lyrical, witty prose while also being a perceptive TV critic. Newspaper restaurant reviews are not yet a full humour colony, but the tanks are on the lawn.

Readers also love cartoons. *The Daily Telegraph* should value Matt, its front-page pocket cartoonist, as dearly as its heavyweight columnists, and political cartoonists such as Peter Brookes in *The Times* and Steve Bell in *The Guardian* can say in one drawing what a columnist might need 1,200 words to explain.

If there is nothing particularly humorous in the story or the column itself, then a newspaper will do its damndest to slap on a witty headline. Under Kelvin MacKenzie this used to be a specialty in *The Sun* — "It's Paddy Panisdown", and "Joe Job to No Job" when David Mellor quit — and it recently found its old form again with a story about a transsexual

writing available on any news-stand. As the battle for readers grows fiercer, a newspaper's sense of humour has become a key marketing weapon: *The Times* once ran an entire advertising campaign with the message "Keep Our Wits About You". *Punch* will live or die according to whether we share the sense of humour of its new Editor, the jovial Peter McKay. And what makes McKay laugh? "Laughter is like sex," he says. Golly! Well, perhaps the way you do it, Peter.

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## NEWS

## US threatens fresh strikes on Iraq

■ America declared last night that it was ready to attack Iraq again, in spite of widespread criticism of its cruise missile strike. President Clinton said that President Saddam Hussein had to pay a price for his brutality and be prevented from attacking his neighbours and American interests.

But Saddam ordered his forces to ignore both no fly zones imposed by the West to protect Iraqi Kurds, and said they should shoot down any hostile aircraft over Iraq. Page 1

## Bombers and fleet punish Saddam

■ Operation Desert Strike was launched at 7.15am local time when 27 cruise missiles were fired from US Air Force B52 bombers and two American warships from the northern end of the Gulf. It was the first time that air-launched long-range cruise missiles had been fired in anger. Page 3

## MoD homes sold

A consortium put together by Japanese bank Nomura International has won the battle to buy Britain's 58,000 military homes with a bid of just under £1.6 billion. Page 1

## Rhino horns seized

Police in London seized 105 rhino horns worth almost £3million after a tip-off. The horns were thought to be destined for the Far East, where they are prized as an aphrodisiac. Page 1

## End of the line

A teenager who pretended to be a railway worker and drove passengers at up to 100mph said yesterday: "I would like to be a train driver but I don't suppose that is possible now". Page 5

## Envoy's 'child porn'

A senior British diplomat was caught smuggling obscene videotapes depicting the "tragic and humiliating" abuse of children, a court was told. Page 5

## Parents 'paid price'

The parents of drowned youngsters Tom and Jodi Loughlin said that they had "paid the highest price" for a moment's inattention. Page 6

## Gel drink censured

A tangerine-flavoured alcoholic gel named Thickhead broke the brewing industry's guidelines at its official launch by its overt appeal to young drinkers. Page 7

## Stolen cockatoo squawks to police

■ A talkative cockatoo called Primrose which was stolen, renamed Billy, and treated as a budgerigar never forgot its real name. The captive squawked to police as they questioned his abductor. Clive McLoud, 40, was sentenced at Harrow Crown Court to 15 months' imprisonment for handling the stolen bird, which has been reunited with its owner. Page 5

## Church 'must open up'

The Catholic Church must move from its "culture of disbelief" which has hindered its approach to victims of child sexual abuse, to one of openness and honesty, a report says. Page 7

## Tests for 5-year-olds

Under government plans to test all five-year-olds, from 1998 children in their first term will be assessed in reading, writing and arithmetic, with other details being provided by parents. Page 8

## Stormin' Norma

Norma Major completed her transformation from caricature of the Huntingdonshire housewife to political partner when she appeared at her husband's side in Scotland last night. Page 9

## No born killers

Psychopaths are made not born, and with the right parenting can become successful stockbrokers instead of serial killers, according to a new study. Page 11

## Police dig up bodies

Belgian police unearthed the remains of two bodies at a house owned by Marc Dutroux, who has admitted kidnapping and torturing young girls. Page 12

## Europe's class of 96

Britain is cast in the role of rebel pupil as Noel Dorr, an Irish diplomat, takes member states to task as he drafts a new version of the Maastricht treaty. Page 13



Detective Inspector Haz Schofield examines almost £3 million of rhino horns seized after a tip-off to the RSPCA. Page 1

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Rugby union: Conflict escalated between clubs and governing body when Leicester's players refused to attend England training. More withdrawals may follow. Page 48

Football: Bryan Robson, Graeme Souness, Ron Atkinson and Gordon Strachan were summoned to appear before the FA to explain their conduct during incidents at recent matches. Page 48

Cricket: Raymond Illingworth, the outgoing chairman of the England selectors, was cleared of bringing the game into disrepute and his £2,000 fine was overturned on appeal. Page 48

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Simon Jenkins: American foreign policy is now content-free. Gone is the grand strategy, gone with the Cold War. In its place are what are called "boutique issues", taken off the National Security Council shelf when required for domestic consumption. This year's boutiques have been Bosnia, Ulster and Iraq. Each can be opened at the bidding of a lobbyist, but if it fails to show a quick profit the shutters come briskly down. Page 16

## ALAN COREN

I could understand Direct Line inquiring if arsonists ever visited the house, or kleptomaniacs, or drunks, who might knock over a display cabinet... But what conceivable threat can the merely famous pose to domestic premises? Page 16

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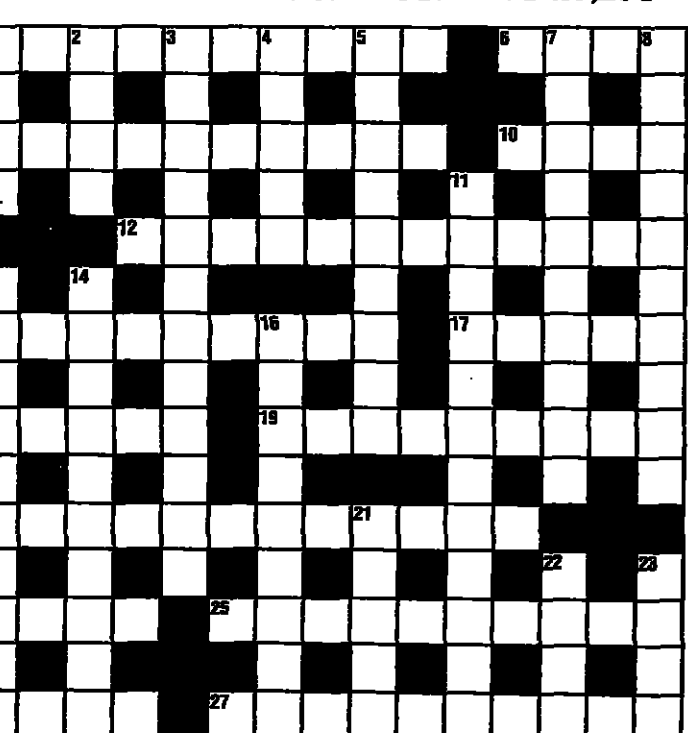
■ FILMS Sharon Stone (left) as the mistress and Isabelle Adjani as the wife in the thriller *Diabolique*

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Yesterday's highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 24°C (75°F); lowest day temp: Lough, Shetland, 10°C (50°F); highest rainfall: Heathrow airport, 0.22in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 10.7hr.

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will have varying amounts of cloud after early mist or fog lifts. The northern isles will have drizzle from time to time and the western Highlands and Northern Ireland will have sunny spells.

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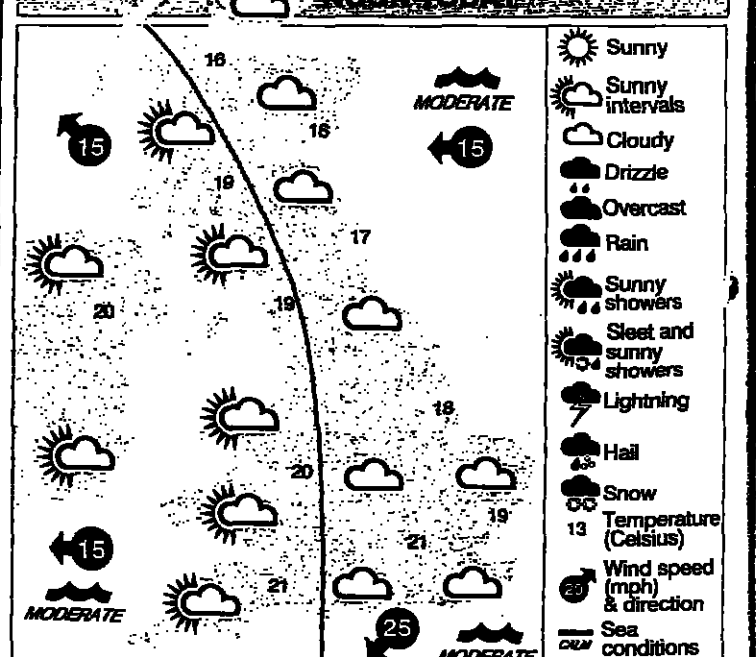
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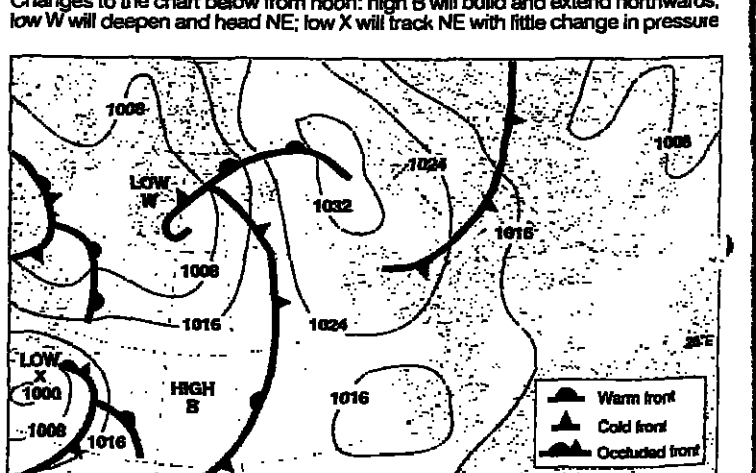
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Brunner Mond chief worth £9 million on paper

By PAUL DURMAN

DAVID WERTHEIM, the chief executive of a company bought out from ICI during 1991, is likely to be worth about £9 million when the company is brought to the stock market.

Soda ash is an essential raw material in the manufacture of glass, detergents and chemicals. Brunner Mond is the only producer of the chemical in the United Kingdom and the biggest producer by far in Africa.

The flotation looks set to value the 6.35 per cent personal holding of Mr Wertheim, the company's chief executive, at almost £9 million.

With the help of financing from Byvest and CVC Capital Partners, Mr Wertheim and his team paid about £90 million to ICI for the company.

Brunner Mond, founded in 1873, was one of the four companies that merged together to form the core of the Imperial Chemical Industries business in 1926. Brunner Mond has plans to raise £46 million of new money for the company, which it will use to pay off £12.5 million of debt and redeem around £33.5 million of preference shares.

The suggested £140 million valuation is substantially below the £200 million figure reported in the financial press last month. However, a spokesman for the company said that earlier reports were based on a misunderstanding of the intricacies of the flotation details. An attempt to bring Brunner Mond to the stock market two years ago had to be abandoned because of a soda ash price war.

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MG faces losses of £150m on funds

By ROBERT MILLER AND ERIC REGULY

MORGAN GRENFELL could face losses of up to £150 million when dealings resume tomorrow in three investment funds at the centre of an investigation by a City watchdog.

Many of the 90,000 investors who put their money in the three funds, valued at £1.4 billion and now the target of an investigation by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), are waiting to redeem their money at the first opportunity.

Morgan Grenfell, which is owned by Germany's Deutsche Bank, said last night that it stood by the promise made on Monday, when the funds were suspended, that "the fund managers will meet their liabilities in respect of any irregularities identified in the course of the investigations into these three funds".

Imro, the watchdog for fund managers, acting on information received from the market, raided Morgan Grenfell's office late last week. The focus of the investigation centres on alleged irregularities on certain unquoted securities held by the three funds.

Peter Young, the senior manager of the three funds, the £788 million European Growth, and the smaller Europa and European Capital Growth, was suspended on Monday after being interviewed by Imro officials.

Until the Imro investigation, Mr Young, who joined Morgan Grenfell from Mercury Asset Management in April 1992, had been regarded as the most successful European fund manager in the unit trust business, with a noted long-term performance track record. The Imro investigators are focusing on two key areas of the Morgan Grenfell portfolios, both relating to unquoted European investments. They want to know how the valuations of such investments, which are often notoriously illiquid, were made, and whether Imro's 10 per cent ceiling on such holdings in unit trusts by Imro was breached.

The losses to Morgan Grenfell are likely to occur when the managers are forced to sell the most liquid holdings, such as the 11.34 per cent holding in British Biotech, to meet the

redemptions. The fund manager is the single biggest shareholder in the company, with a stake worth about £160 million. Morgan Grenfell has been a British Biotech shareholder for years and has made a hefty profit on the investment even though the shares have been on the way. Their high, adjusted for a 9-for-1 stock split, was 350p against a low of 61 1/2 p. Once the marketable shares have been sold managers will be forced to turn to the unquoted securities. Deutsche Bank has now taken these investments onto its own books.

Morgan Grenfell, which does not report separate annual results from its parent company, made a substantial contribution to the group's operating profit last year of DM4.3 billion.

Graham Kane, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell's unit trust arm, has stood aside as an Imro director while the watchdog investigates.

The Serious Fraud Office made clear yesterday that it was not investigating the alleged irregularities at Morgan Grenfell but that it was monitoring the situation.

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Floating: Jeremy Thomas, chief executive of The Personal Number Company, is taking 07000 telephone numbers to the AIM. He launched the company's prospectus yesterday

Bank acts to allay City's fears on EMU

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England yesterday countered alarm that London could lose its place as Europe's pre-eminent financial centre if Britain continues to opt out of a European single currency.

Responding to speculation that as many as 20,000 jobs in the City and industry could be lost, a Bank spokesman said: "The conclusion that we have reached from all the work we have done on the technical preparations for a single currency is that the City's dominant position in European financial markets is unlikely to be seriously threatened."

Fears about London's position have been heightened by reports that France and Germany are attempting to set conditions on access to Target, the new Europe-wide payments system, for countries that remain outside the single currency.

Although the European Monetary Institute, the forerunner of a European Central Bank, has said that all members of the European Union, whether in or out of a single currency, should be able to use Target, France and Germany are pushing for a ban on the "outs" being able to borrow

funds from the ECB. Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, argued last week that any such discrimination would be illegal under the terms of the single market.

The Bank is opposed to any restrictions on access to Target. Observers believe that the approach of France and Germany is an opportunistic attempt to wrest financial business from London to Paris and Frankfurt.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank, yesterday attended the regular monthly meeting of the EMI but it is not known whether the Target question was discussed. It is not thought to have been on the formal agenda of the meeting.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr George said that he had not noticed any recent improvement in the chance of nations meeting the convergence criteria for monetary union.

Asked whether he thought that the prospects for EMU were improving, he said: "That would be too strong to say."

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Arjo Wiggins chairman gives backing to Labour

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR will declare a significant breakthrough today when the chairman of Arjo Wiggins, Appleton, the Anglo-French paper-maker, becomes the first head of a top UK-listed company publicly to back Tony Blair.

Cob Stenham, Arjo's chairman, will announce support for Labour and predict a Labour victory at the next election.

The move comes as Mr Blair today publishes the party's pre-election business manifesto, in which Labour will give five clear commitments to industry.

He told *The Times*: "There are a lot more business supporters of Labour than meets the eye. Businessmen don't like to talk about politics.

People won't shout their support from the rooftops. But support is slowly and undramatically widening." Mr Stenham, 64, educated at Eton and Cambridge, was joint managing director of Unilever, and a director of Virgin and Capital Radio. He is currently a director of Rothmans, Unigate, Standard Chartered and Trafalgar House.

Mr Blair is likely to emphasise Mr Stenham's statement when he publishes to a conference in London of 400 key business leaders Labour's new manifesto for industry, entitled *New Opportunities for Business*. The glossy 28-page document gives

SFA puts the onus on senior managers

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the City watchdog for brokers and futures dealers, has unveiled a tough new regime to make senior managers more responsible for the banks and firms they head.

The SFA, in a consultative document published yesterday, said the experience of the £830 million collapse of Barings, brought about by the unsupervised trading activities of Nick Leeson, had underlined "how essential effective general management is in safeguarding the interests of investors using regulated firms".

The watchdog, chaired by Nick Durlacher, will in future insist that senior executive officers (SEOs) take all "reasonable steps to eliminate the possibility of a serious management failure".

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Wimpey pledges higher profits

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

GEORGE WIMPEY, the housebuilder, yesterday promised to restore full-year operating profits to their highest level since 1990 - in spite of unveiling half-year losses before tax of £8.6 million.

Joe Dwyer, chairman, said that the company was enjoying the first signs of sustained improvement in the UK housing market for many years, although the benefits were being felt more strongly in the group's detached housing business than in its compact division, which builds semi-detached and terraced houses.

announced since Wimpey completed an asset swap with Tarmac in March, which resulted in Wimpey exchanging its construction and aggregates business for Tarmac's private housing arm. The loss for the period to June 30 compares with a profit of £1 million last time. The company blamed an increased interest charge and an £8.4 million loss from its aggregates division ahead of disposal. Turnover fell 25 per cent to £590 million.

Total house completions fell 13 per cent to 5,020 in the UK, although they rose strongly in overseas operations. The Wimpey division that specialises in compact homes made an operating profit

of £0.5 million, compared with £6.2 million last year. McLean, which was acquired from Tarmac, made a four-month contribution of £10.6 million.

Wimpey said it had now ended exceptional discounting on its sales and hoped to rebuild margins which fell in both its main housebuilding divisions. The company is also aiming to dispose of about £150 million worth of assets to raise money to replenish McLean's land bank. The interim dividend was maintained at 2p, payable on October 31.

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# Hong Kong tightens up on fund managers

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY  
IN HONG KONG

IN THE wake of its disciplining of Jardine Fleming (JF) last week, Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) said yesterday that it would increase its visits to the colony's fund managers and further develop guidelines for internal controls.

In testimony to the financial panel of the Legislative Council three senior SFC executives were questioned about whether they could have prevented JF from violating Hong Kong regula-

tions and whether those who were disciplined had committed fraud or any other crime. They were also asked how widespread the offences are in the colony.

Anthony Neoh, SFC's chairman, noted that the almost HK\$150 million (£12 million) compensation JF was compelled to pay to its clients was one of the largest such sums levied in such a case in Hong Kong, London, or New York. He said that the SFC did not have the right to levy penalties, which in the JF case were imposed in London by the Investment Manage-

ment Regulatory Organisation (Imro). Such a culture takes time to develop, Mr Neoh said. "Hence our sanctions and censure and why JF's top officials have come to see me and promised to turn over a new leaf. Well see."

Asked by Martin Lee QC, the leader of Democratic Party, whether there had been a conspiracy to defraud, Gerard McMahon, executive director of the SFC's enforcement division, said the commission was always on the lookout for criminal activity and that in this case it was

decided there had been none. Asked whether Hong Kong had been caught napping and drawn into the case by London's Imro, Deborah Glass, an SFC senior director, said: "This misconduct was investigated and disciplined with great vigour in Hong Kong in co-operation with London. Some \$150 million was returned to investors. All this was done within the existing framework. The message is very clear."

Ms Glass added: "Jardine Fleming will have to earn public trust and meanwhile we will keep them under

close scrutiny." As to the SFC following Imro, Mr McMahon explained that JF had initially notified Imro in London that there was a problem. "They phoned us at once. The joint action in both countries was for the first time in history."

Although the SFC normally audits fund managers on a three-year cycle, Mr Neoh said that visits now would be more frequent. Agreeing with this stronger action, Dr Huang Chen-ya, chairman of the LegCo panel, said: "Let's not wait for another Nick Leeson."

## Airbus wins orders for more than \$2.9bn

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE, the multinational airline consortium in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, has secured orders worth more than \$2.9 billion. The European partnership also further fuelled the war of words with Boeing, its US competitor, by claiming it had overtaken its rival in order cancellations were considered.

Airbus yesterday rolled out three complete orders and a contract signing which is expected to lead to a \$600 million order at the Farnborough Air Show — a day after its Boeing had held up new orders worth \$6.3 billion.

Airbus's biggest order by value was from Federal Express, which will receive 11 A300 freighter aircraft by the year 2000. The deal is worth \$990 million. Airbus's other orders come from Asiana Airlines, which is taking 18 single aisle A321s, priced at \$50 million each, and Cathay Pacific which is buying three long-range A340-300s at \$145 million each. Market sources also tip Asiana to conclude a

further large deal with Airbus shortly which will lead to orders for 18 A330s, worth \$135 million each, and options on ten further aircraft.

In a further jibe against Boeing, Airbus said the US company had 216 net orders against its own 222 net orders. Airbus also dismissed Boeing's belief that the European super jumbo would be uneconomical to develop, repeating its goal to develop the 3XX, which will seat more than 500, for \$8 billion.

Airbus also attacked Boeing's market share interpretations. In comparable aircraft — those carrying 125-350 people — it says it has a 52 per cent share while Boeing has 43 per cent and McDonnell Douglas has 5 per cent.

However, Boeing retaliated with an estimate of 63-64 per cent market share this year.

The European partnership also said it had unveiled a deal with Germany's Condor Flugdienst for 12 A321s — which has yet to be completed — because Boeing had already announced a preliminary deal with Condor the previous day. John Leahy, Airbus senior vice-president, said: "Both Boeing and Airbus have memoranda of understandings with Condor."

Mr Leahy said the deal had been signed earlier in the day at Airbus's headquarters in Toulouse, France.

Rolls-Royce used the air show to announce business worth more than \$200 million. It said its business from orders for the International Aero Engines V2500, in which it is involved, would amount to \$100 million. The business has been created by four orders worth \$290 million to IAE from International Lease Finance Corporation, EgyptAir, Heliopolis of Cairo and Kibris Turk Hava Yolları of Turkey.

Separately, the aerospace group's aero engine services arm has won an order worth up to £70 million from the Ministry of Defence for the support of engines in the RAF's Tristar fleet.



Paul Dixon, left, and Gary Cuthbertson, finance director, have 12 more dealerships than at the same time last year

## Dixon drives profit ahead at half time

BY FRASER NELSON

MORE than 3,000 of the UK's 7,000 car dealerships will close before the end of the century, according to Paul Dixon, chief executive of Dixon.

Reporting interim pre-tax profits of £235 million (£127 million) for the half year to June 30, he said manufacturers' preference for showrooms with larger floorspaces would squeeze smaller dealerships out of the market.

Dixon generated its profits from 29 dealerships against 17 last time. On an underlying basis, sales in new cars rose by 22 per cent against a market rise of 5 per cent.

Earnings rose from 6.4p to 10.1p a share, from which an interim dividend of 2p (1.67p) will be paid on October 11.

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## Mitre deal creates world's biggest teleservicing group

BY ERIC REGULY

THE world's largest teleservicing company was created yesterday when Stiel of America bought Mitre, Britain's leading player in the sector, in a share swap worth £208 million.

The new group will have almost 16,000 employees, operations in North America, Europe and Japan, and clients ranging from Microsoft to Volkswagen. James Lynch, chief executive of Stiel, said: "The completion of the Mitre transaction positions our company for global leadership in teleservicing."

Stiel, which was floated last year on America's Nasdaq market at \$6 1/2 a share, exchanged 9.2 million Stiel shares at \$35 a share for the entire share capital of privately held Mitre. Henk Kruihof,

Mitre's chairman, has emerged as the single largest shareholder with 15 per cent.

Teleservicing is industry jargon for reaching customers by telephone. It involves dealing with customer requests, queries and complaints on products and services. Mitre, for example, handles all customer inquiries, including answering e-mail, for the Microsoft Network.

Michael May, president of Stiel, said teleservicing had strong growth potential as companies increasingly used outside firms for such functions. US corporations spend about \$80 billion a year on teleservicing, but only 5 per cent of that amount is handled by independent operators such as Stiel. He says the independents' share is set to increase dramatically.

Mr May said Stiel was attractive because it brings diversity in terms of geography and clients. Mitre, which trades under four names — Decisions Group, Merit Direct, Call Centre and Merit Communications — has 65 "times 100" clients.

Mitre reported revenues of £28.5 million in 1995, up 70 per cent. It is profitable, though details were not available.

## Shaftesbury gains option in Charing Cross Road

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHAFTESBURY, the property company that owns the Chinatown Estate in London's West End, is poised for eastward expansion. The company has secured a toehold over a parade of 26 shops in Charing Cross Road with the option to buy the investment over a period of three years.

A private Hong Kong investor has paid £11 million to Westminster Council to acquire the shops at 51-79 Charing Cross Road, WC2. The 35,000 square foot investment makes up the ground floor of a block of flats and a car park backs on to Newport Place in Chinatown.

Under the terms of the deal, Shaftesbury will share in any improvement in rent and capital value, but the Chinatown landlord has also secured a pre-emption right over the property. The property group agreed a similar deal in 1993 with KPMG, receivers to the Island Site next door to the Trocadero. In July, Shaftesbury bought the Island Site properties outright from KPMG for £31 million in a deal which extended its Chinatown holdings westwards with the addition of 26 restaurants and shops.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Treg lifts dividend and attacks Kepit

HENDERSON Touche Remnant's European Growth investment trust (Treg), which yesterday lifted its final dividend to 1.8p from 1.7p last year, has resumed the war of words in its hostile bid for the £500 million Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Trust (Kepit). Treg, unveiling its results for the year ending June 30, which saw gross revenue rise to £4.38 million (£3.13 million), said its offer to the 70,000 Kepit investors was "the chance to exit from a disastrous investment".

The Kepit board met on Monday night to consider Treg's offer and the proposals of the nine other fund management houses, including M&G, Fidelity, Flemings and Barings. Kepit is pressing the parties to agree to a public announcement on each of the proposals so that investors may better evaluate the merits of each. Treg's 5.9 per cent increase in the annual dividend — it only makes one payment a year to investors on November 1 — was accompanied by a 70 per cent rise in earnings per ordinary share.

### Stagecoach buys Swebus

STAGECOACH, the rapidly expanding bus and rail company, has become the largest bus operator in Scandinavia after buying Swebus, Sweden's recently privatised bus service, for £116 million. The deal gives Stagecoach a second foothold in Europe, adding bus services in Finland, Denmark and Norway to its existing joint venture in Portugal. It also brings 3,450 buses, taking Stagecoach's worldwide bus fleet to 10,650. Its shares rose 1p to 526 1/2 p yesterday.

### P&O sells drilling service

P&O, the shipping to property group, is selling its oilfield services to a management buyout team for £37.5 million. The business supplies rental equipment for drilling oil and gas wells in the North Sea and made a pre-tax profit of £4 million last year on sales of £12.7 million. The new owners plan to expand into oil-producing areas worldwide. P&O said yesterday that the sale would yield a profit of £24.5 million compared to book value. The sale price includes repayment of intercompany debt.

### Kanter for Body Shop

BODY SHOP International yesterday said that Steen Kanter has succeeded Terry Hartin as chief executive of The Body Shop Inc. Its US subsidiary. Mr Kanter's most recent position was as vice-chairman and chief executive officer of Lechters, the US houseware retailer. Before that he worked for 22 years at Ikea, the furnishing retailer. Mr Hartin, 50, will be returning to the UK next year and will remain on the main board of the company.

### Olivetti shares drop

SHARES in Olivetti, the troubled information technology group, fell 7 per cent on the Milan bourse yesterday, close to a record low, as speculation mounted over the state of the company's health. The stock fell to 711 lire before inching back to 5.76 per cent down at 721 lire. Analysts and traders said concern followed newspaper reports renouncing renewed losses of 300 billion lire (£126 million) in the first half. Olivetti launched a 2.26 trillion lire rights issue nearly a year ago to restructure.

### James Finlay improves

JAMES FINLAY, the tea company, saw pre-tax profits climb from £1 million to £4.9 million for the six months to June. Group turnover rose 6 per cent, to £86.2 million, while earnings per share increased from 0.4p to 2.8p. Tea and beverage operations made strong progress, but confectionery disappointed. The dividend increases from 1p to 1.5p. The sale of two non-core financial services businesses cut borrowing by £9 million. BZW predicts full-year pre-tax profits of £13 million.

### Chime sounds advance

CHIME COMMUNICATIONS, the public relations and marketing company whose chairman is Sir Tim Bell, yesterday forecast consolidation in the sector, with the market concentrating further into the five largest companies. Chime said that its pre-tax profits increased to £1.4 million from £1.2 million in the half year to June 30. Earnings rose to 1.6p a share from 1.4p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.55p a share from 0.46p.

### Cala increases sales

CALA, the housebuilder and property developer, said it had made an encouraging start to the year, with 270 houses sold or reserved at the end of August, against 239 a year ago. The company forecast a significant rise in average selling prices. In the year to June 30, it earned pre-tax profits of £4.3 million against £7 million previously, which included a land sales surplus. Earnings were 6.7p a share (11.2p). There is a final dividend of 2.2p a share, making a total of 3.4p (3.2p).

### Macro expects growth

MACRO 4, the software company, said yesterday that it was difficult to predict the outcome of rapid changes in its traditional mainframe market but expects further growth in earnings per share in the current year. Profits before tax rose to £12.15 million (£11.6 million) in the year to June 30. Earnings were 37.5p a share (35.2p). The total dividend rises to 24.3p a share (22p), with a 15p final dividend (13.4p). The company spent £4.62 million on share repurchasing.

## TOURIST RATES

	Bank	Bank
	Buy	Sell
Australia \$	2.07	1.91
Austria Sch	17.37	15.87
Belgium Fr	50.88	45.88
Canada C\$	2.243	2.083
Cyprus Cyp£	0.7526	0.6978
Denmark Kr	8.26	7.76
Finland Mk	7.82	7.32
France Fr	6.50	6.00
Germany Dm	2.480	2.280
Greece Dr	388	361
Hong Kong \$	12.71	11.71
Iceland Is	12.15	11.15
Ireland P	1.015	0.935
Italy Lit	5.30	4.85
Japan Yen	24.75	22.75
Malta M	184.80	164.80
Netherlands Gld	0.588	0.543
New Zealand \$	2.700	2.580
Norway Nkr	2.41	2.19
Portugal Esc	10.60	9.80
Spain Ptas	360.00	330.00
Switzerland Fr	7.57	6.77
Sweden Kr	19.00	17.00
Switzerland Fr	11.02	10.22
Turkey Lira	2.022	1.842
USA \$	1.680	1.580

## LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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## The price is wrong for ITV

THE giant slogans screaming out from posters up and down the country say: "Give me Five". The exciting new season of Premier League football, featuring the great influx of European talent, is live and exclusive on BSkyB. The new cookery channel is only on cable. So why does the market insist on valuing ITV companies so highly?

Shares in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees TV had the good grace to slip 22p to £12.15 yesterday as the company wittered on about level playing fields in TV regulation to accompany a reasonable set of half-year figures. But these shares that were just 565p a year ago and only 110p in 1993. ITV has had a similarly exciting ride and Scottish TV shares, pumped up by the Mirror Group's interest, are twice the price they were two years ago.

Sure, everybody thinks there is going to be some more consolidation in ITV. And of course there is a great belief that Gerry Robinson wants to add YTV to his ever growing Granada empire. But can these companies really be worth 35 times their annual earnings?

Put plain and simply, ITV is a declining industry. The market for advertising funded television in the UK is becoming increasingly crowded as Channel 4 continues its flow of success which could lead to its privatisation.

On the other side of the financial equation, the costs of actually delivering this product are rising. ITV went through a draconian round of cost cutting in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Many of the old Spanish practices were cut out, staff were put on short-term contracts and many, including John Birt, the Director-General of the BBC, were employed on a freelance basis. Prompted by the success of Channel 4, the ITV companies became happy to subcontract the making of many of their programmes to production companies, often operating with two people and a dog in Soho, which have lower overheads. And because ITV has such strong buying power, it has been able to exploit these minnows by as much as the Office of Fair Trading would allow.

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### Red ink and red faces at Deutsche

INDEPENDENT directors of Kepik, the ailing Kleinwort Benson European fund now being fought over by rival City fund managers, can eliminate one of the ten proposals on their boardroom table. Fed-up shareholders are unlikely to vote for Morgan Grenfell to take over.

Even last week, it might have



been different. No unit trust in the sector has been so often and so widely recommended as Morgan Grenfell European Growth, along with MG Europa Capital, geared to smaller companies, and Peter Young, Morgan's star European manager.

Rarely can so many independent financial advisers have looked as stupid as they did when Morgan suspended Mr Young and the funds on Monday. They will also be very angry. They pushed clients into MGEF because its high-flying performance did not appear to be a flash in the pan. It was that rare gem, a unit trust that topped the league one year and virtually repeated the performance the next. It even scored top marks on

pseudo-scientific tests that supposedly measure risks as well as price performance. Morgan Grenfell is also owned by Deutsche Bank, on paper an additional guarantee of sound practice and worry-free nights.

Admittedly, it was no secret that Mr Young's policy was bold. Any general European unit trust that invests 48 per cent of its vast funds in Scandinavian stocks is unusual. To put 20 per cent into Norway alone, with a high proportion in unquoted stocks, is eccentric.

Mr Young backed high-tech companies. That worked well until they went out of fashion in New York and were hit in London by British Biotech's big rights issue. Then things started to go from bad to worse, leading, as so often in such circumstances, to "irregularities" over valuing unquoted stock left high and dry by the slide in comparable listed shares.

Deutsche Bank will surely pay dearly for its mistakes, and not only by very properly agreeing to compensate investors for any losses incurred as a result. These are precisely the sort of problems

that should have been anticipated by senior managers. Neither regulators nor investment advisers will easily forgive them.

### Watchdog wakes up and barks

A FRISON of fear has gone through the lunch rooms of the Square Mile. In the City Club many are chomping on their jam roly poly. For the Securities and Futures Authority has finally decreed that senior executive officers of securities houses should "take all reasonable steps to understand the firm's business or businesses".

This is not so much closing the barn door after the horse has bolted as shutting the Thames Barrier once London is six feet under water. The City's regulators have decided that Peter Baring's excuse that he did not understand the business Nick Leeson was conducting is no excuse for letting the rogue trader ruin a 200-year-old bank.

So is the SFA to turn up at the door of Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest Group, and

ask him about his understanding of the derivative business? After all, at the end of last year NatWest's gross exposure to derivatives contracts was over £1,000 billion. This boils down to a mere £75 billion when all the checks and balances, which keep the derivatives business going, are taken into account. But it is still enough to blow a nasty hole in NatWest's balance sheet should anything go wrong.

Mr Wanless is an intelligent man. But he has no experience of this growing business. Indeed few of the senior executives running the City's banks know much more than the basics about derivatives. They rely on people who are experts in risk assessment to keep their whiz-kids in check. Is this enough or should the banks send their senior executives back to school?

### Tardy climbdown

NORWICH UNION says it is happy with the changes to George Simpson's pay package, as do many of the other institutions who objected to the new GEC man's fat cat salary. Alas, GEC handled the climbdown as badly as it handled the rest of the process. Some funds have found it too late to change their votes in time for Friday's AGM. So GEC will appear to be even more unloved than it actually is.

### Burford prepares for third demerger

Burford Holdings, the building and heating group, is close to appointing advisers to prepare its third demerger in less than a year.

Burford plans to spin off Grantham, its retail warehouses subsidiary, in a float that will value the company at up to £100 million.

Burford owns 25 per cent, but plans to inject its own warehouse sites in Huddersfield and Falkirk into Grantham in return for a stake of up to 70 per cent in the company. It will distribute the majority of this stake to shareholders, while maintaining its 25 per cent stake.

Burford's previous demergers include Trocadero, the leisure centre in Piccadilly, which yesterday reported its first interim results since floating on the AIM last November. Profits dipped from £1 million to £995,000. The company said it was on course to pay a dividend in 1997.

### Linx rises

Linx Printing Technologies, the printing equipment supplier, reported £1.79 million pre-tax profits (£1.42 million) in the year to June 30. A final dividend of 1.9p (1.4p), payable on November 29, makes a total of 2.8p, up from 2.1p.

### Argent ahead

Argent Group, the property development and investment company, increased pre-tax profits to £2.06 million (£1.15 million) in the six months to June 30, with earnings rising to 2.6p (1.7p). Again there is no interim dividend.

### Ropner falls

Ropner, the engineering, shipping and property company, is holding the interim dividend at 3.5p a share in spite of a fall in profits to £1.89 million (£2.12 million) before tax in the six months to June 30.

### Abbot soars

Abbot Group, the oil industry services company, reported pre-tax profits of £3.5 million (£621,000) in the half-year to June 30. The dividend of 0.64p a share (0.56p) is payable on November 6.

### Peek progress

Peek, the traffic lights and data systems maker, made profits of £4 million (£3.7 million) before tax and exceptional in the half year to June 30. The dividend, paid on January 3, is held at 1.05p.

## Blue Circle figures buoyed by strong demand from overseas

By Keith Rodgers

BLUE CIRCLE, the building and heating group, said yesterday that there was little sign of improving demand in either its United Kingdom cement business or its European bathroom and heating operations, as it unveiled a 12 per cent rise in first-half profits.

The company, which earlier this year embarked on a £500 million worldwide investment programme to improve productivity, saw its turnover increase by 4 per cent, to £874.4 million.

Its results were buoyed by strong demand in several territories, including the United States and Malaysia, while operating profits in its restructured heating division leapt ahead. Earnings per share rose from 8.4p, to 8.9p.

Keith Orrell-Jones, group chief executive, said that the company is setting up a development team in India to study potential acquisitions. The company is also actively seeking takeover targets in South East Asia and in South America.

Pre-tax profits of £116.3 million were largely in line with expectations, and analysts suggested that the 12 per cent increase would look impressive by the time the rest of the sector has reported its results. Operating profits in the UK cement division fell 21 per cent, to £24 million, as demand remained depressed, and the company expects infrastructure investment to remain low this year.

In Chile, falling cement prices and repair costs meant

that operating profits fell slightly, to £20.5 million, but in Malaysia they were up by 58 per cent, to £17.8 million, and in the United States by 18 per cent, to £25.1 million.

In the heating division, the company met its full-year target of £9 million in cost savings in the first half, reporting an increase in operating profits from £100,000 to £9 million.

Mr Orrell-Jones said that the division aimed to achieve annual operating profits of about £90 million within the next two and a half years.

Operating profits from the bathroom division fell slightly, from £13.9 million to £12.8 million as a result of falling demand in the United Kingdom, Italy and South Africa.

One analyst expressed disappointment that, with net debt down to £18.5 million and gearing falling from 2.9 per cent to 1.5 per cent, the company had still not made a significant acquisition in target territories such as Argentina and the Philippines. He suggested that Blue Circle should consider a share buyback if no deal is struck in the near future.

Mr Orrell-Jones said that the company saw no reason to consider a buyback now, adding that it would focus on opportunities to grow the business but would not be forced into an acquisition by its strong balance sheet.

The interim dividend increased from 4p, to 4.25p. The shares fell 4½p, to 37½p.

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Lord Tugendhat, left, Blue Circle chairman, with Keith Orrell-Jones, chief executive, yesterday

## Croda profits lifted by sales in SE Asia

By Paul Durman

SHARES of Croda International were among the stock market's best performers yesterday as the chemicals company turned in better than expected first-half results.

Strong demand in South-East Asia helped Croda to increase profits at its main chemicals division to £25.2 million, an uplift of nearly 6 per cent. Interest on borrowings and small losses in minor businesses meant that the company's pre-tax total came out at £22.5 million, a 4.7 per cent improvement on the first half last year.

Croda's shares rose 25p, to 338p.

The City took heart from upbeat comments by Michael Valentine, Croda's chairman, who said that he was "chipper" about the outlook because of the steady economic growth in many parts of the world.

Mr Valentine said that Croda was feeling the benefit

of beefing up its Asian sales team. It plans in the next two or three years to more than double the size of its Singapore plant.

European chemical sales were sluggish. UK sales, a third of the first-half total of £230 million, fell 3 per cent, and German sales 8 per cent. But Croda said that Europe was now picking up.

The interim dividend rises 6.2 per cent, to 3.45p a share.

## Jefferson Smurfit feels pain of global downturn in prices

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

THE global downturn in paper prices and worldwide overcapacity in processing was blamed for a sharp decline in profits at Jefferson Smurfit, the paper and packaging company based in the Republic of Ireland.

Yesterday the company reported a 37 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits to Ir£126 million in the six months to June 30, from Ir£200 million for the same

period last year. Earnings per share fell to Ir8.2p (Ir12.8p). But Jefferson Smurfit declared a 7 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 1r1.5p, payable on November 1.

All of Jefferson Smurfit's geographical sectors were hit by the cyclical downturn in the paper industry.

Continental Europe recorded the biggest decline, of almost 42 per cent, in pre-tax profits from the same period

last year. Sales and operating profits slumped across all its operations in France, Spain, Germany, Austria and Sweden.

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, profits were down 12 per cent to just under Ir£19 million but the company said that it expected a recovery in both markets in the second half.

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## Sales agency given warning by Yorkshire Tyne Tees TV

By Eric Reguly

YORKSHIRE-Tyne Tees Television said yesterday that it might terminate its contract with Laser, its sales agency, unless Laser succeeded in boosting its ailing advertising market share (See Pennington this page).

The warning came as the independent television company reported a strong rise in profits in the half year to the end of June. The increase was almost entirely down to a combination of more programme sales and tight controls on operating and administrative expenses.

Although Yorkshire's advertising revenue grew 3.4 per cent to £84.6 million in the period, its share of overall ITV advertising revenue declined marginally to 10.22 per cent.

Ward Thomas, the chairman and chief executive of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, said that the performance was very disappointing.

He blamed the decline in part on advertisers, notably British Telecom, focusing their advertising attention on London instead of the regions. The company's peak advertising share was 14.4 per cent.

The lacklustre advertising figures sent Yorkshire's shares down 22½p to £12.15p. Shares of Granada, the TV and hotels group that owns 24 per cent of Yorkshire and is expected to mount a full takeover bid, declined 16½p to 849½p.

Mr Ward said that Yorkshire-Tyne Tees was talking firmly with Laser, which is owned by Granada, about the advertising downturn and said that it could terminate the Laser contract if its advertising market share dipped below 10.9 per cent.

Granada declined to comment, but is understood not to be taking the threat seriously.

Yorkshire's pre-tax profits were £13.3 million, or 17.2p a share, up 79 per cent from the £7.4 million, or 9.4p a share, in the previous period. Turnover rose 5 per cent to £136.1 million. The interim dividend, to be paid on October 9, was set at 6.8p, compared with 3.7p.

Mr Ward dismissed the recent comments from Duncan Lewis, head of Granada

TV, that Granada was cooling on the idea of buying Yorkshire as "a puerile attempt to get the share price down". He said he had suggested that Granada should demerge its TV operations if it does buy Yorkshire. He added: "There is a lot of sense in having a separate quoted company."

Granada has considered a demerger, but it is not expected to make any moves until it sells the luxury Forte hotels it acquired earlier this year.

## IMI goes on prowl again

By Fraser Nelson

IMI, the engineering group, said yesterday that the surplus from the disposal of its titanium business had set it firmly on the acquisition trail, leaving it with a firepower of more than £130 million.

Alan Emson, finance director, said that even after January's £134 million acquisition of Heimeier, a German valve maker, the £70.8 million profit made on selling its loss-making titanium division had minimised the impact on shareholders' funds.

Heimeier generated sales of £39 million in its first six months with the company, helping group sales to £690 million (£669 million). Profits were £67.2 million (£49 million) before tax and exceptional.

Profits from the building products division grew 40 per cent to £23.7 million in the six months. However, unsold copper stocks ran up a loss of £500,000.

Borrowings dropped to £39 million, compared with £101 million last time. Exceptionals aside, earnings increased from 9.5p to 12.3p per share. The interim dividend rose from 4.6p to 5p. It will be paid on October 14.

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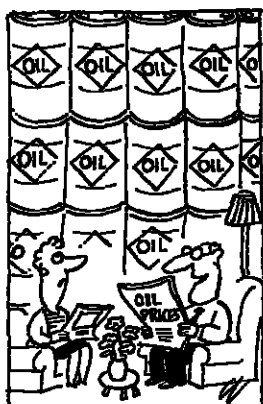
### Mission: combustible

MORE than 150 personnel from Dixon Motors gathered round a tape recorder at the group's retail site in Grimsby yesterday, to listen to a taped mission statement from Paul Dixon, their chief executive, that was then supposed to blow up.

Dixon dreamt up the idea after he tried unsuccessfully to buy the signature tune to *Mission: Impossible*, the blockbuster film. Unable to afford the £4 million price, Dixon plumped for Perry Como's *It's Impossible* to accompany this year's advertising campaign, which came at a cost of only £10,000. Dixon, who relayed his message to the masses with Como crooning in the background, said the "self-destruct" ending was sure to fire his staff with missionary zeal.

### On the hop

GEORGE WIMPEY, the building and construction group that mercilessly removed the marmalade moggy from its logo last year, has been beset by problems from the animal kingdom. When Arde Developments, the group's Australian arm, started work on Allanby Heights in Victoria, the developers came up against a settlement of frogs that could cost them about A\$40,000 (£20,000) to accommodate. Allanby will have to put an extra two months' work into the development, building an amphibian-friendly underpass for the huge frog population that is protected by a preservation order in this corner of New South Wales.



"Either way we should be all right for winter"

CONGRATULATIONS to Lorraine O'Rourke, who yesterday won Receptionist of the Year Award for her services to KPMG. She beat off stiff competition from BZW and Hoggett Bowers, the recruitment company, to win the title sponsored by UPS, the package distribution company. O'Rourke, who has been at the accountancy for eight years, designed the uniform worn by girls on the front desk at the Salisbury Square offices.

### Crying shame

ONE in ten businessmen says that stress caused by travelling is equal to that suffered during a divorce. Aching limbs and weeping fits are among the most common complaints cited by travelling executives, according to a survey by The Athenaeum Hotel. Fellow passengers and an absence of complimentary drinks are what riles high-flyers most, while 80 per cent of those who go by car prefer to set off on a Sunday to avoid the chaos of Monday morning congestion. Curiously, travelling with family was voted more stressful than travelling with colleagues.

CITY wages are musing on Imro's success as it creeps up on the SFA as the City's number one watchdog after it fined Jardine Fleming £700,000. Save & Prosper, Robert Fleming's unit trust arm, £115,000, and it recently examined Morgan Grenfell's European funds. They are even placing bets on when the organisation will start paying a dividend out of its newly acquired wealth.

MORAG PRESTON

# How the courting of business is paying dividends for Blair

A growing band of executives is turning to Labour, says Philip Bassett

THE endorsement today of Tony Blair by Cob Stenham, chairman of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper company, will mark the furthest that British business has yet gone in backing New Labour for government.

His announcement, the first by a head of a FT-SE 100 company, will come as the Labour leader launches his latest attempt to woo British business: a version of Labour's Road to the Manifesto pre-election policy statement aimed specifically at industry.

At London's Q&E conference centre, just across Parliament Square from the Commons, the Labour leader will publish to a conference of 400 businessmen and women *New Opportunities for Business* — a 28-page glossy document setting out Labour's key economic and business policies.

Labour leaders will also use today's conference to try to cast aside some of the party's directly political summer angst by wheeling out what party managers hope will be an impressive display of unity. Messrs Prescott, Brown, Blunkett, Harman, Straw and Beckett will all be on show.

Such a galaxy of Labour luminaries, significantly ranging beyond the direct economic party leaders, will probably overshadow a separate conference, just across the road at Church House behind Westminster Abbey, where Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will spell out to business leaders, local authority officials and training specialists the Government's commitment to lifetime learning at a discussion organised by Britain's business-led Training and Enterprise Councils.

But increasingly, Labour is able to claim that its message to business — that new Labour is now newly friendly to business — is getting through.

The Institute of Management, which represents more than 70,000 individual managers and 700 corporate members, closely tracks the business vote, and its latest snap poll this week of a sample of more than 400 managers, ranging from directors to middle and junior management grades, showed support for Labour steady at 25 per cent. Not only is this up from 12 per cent at the last election in 1992, but it comes as Conservative support among



Cob Stenham is the latest figure from the business world publicly to endorse Tony Blair

managers has fallen from 61 per cent then to 43 per cent now. This clearly shows a Conservative lead, but indicates a swing to Labour.

Even more comforting for the Labour leadership are the poll's findings on new Labour — Mr Blair's recasting of the Labour party in his own mould. Not only do 56 per cent of managers surveyed believe that there is a real difference between old and new Labour, as Mr Blair and Labour modernisers claim, but two thirds agree that new Labour is more in tune with the needs of business than old Labour.

In his business manifesto, Mr Blair will set out Labour's five key commitments to business, including a pledge to maintain low inflation and low interest rates, and emphasising Labour's adherence to saving

and investing rather than taxing and spending.

But while Labour needs glittering, high-profile conferences like today's to advance its business case publicly, putting its points to companies such as BT, Shell, Rover, WH Smith, McDonald's, Hanson, Ford, Camelot, Marks & Spencer, John Laing, Sainsbury, the Bank of England, Taylor Woodrow and Pizza Hut, behind the scenes it is putting in detailed work with business not just to reassure business about Labour, but to ensure that business has full and proper access to Labour in the run-up to the election — and, indeed, beyond if it wins.

Labour leaders recognise that politics often tends to confuse business — not just the sometimes off-putting political process, which can seem impen-

etrable to outsiders, but the apparently never-ending whirl of those involved.

While business leaders certainly hop from job to job, the tenure of even the most promiscuous in employment terms is usually longer than the turnover of politicians normally demands. Regardless of the political party concerned, business leaders often find that contacts they have made with individual politicians seem all but useless when the politician concerned is moved within a year to a different department.

While Labour, like all political parties, can do little about such churning — indeed, such movement is a vital tool of political management — it is trying to introduce a greater degree of consistency to relations with business.

Labour leaders have estab-

lished within the party's media centre in Millbank, just along the river from Parliament, what they call the Business Relations Unit. Part of its job is to garner business support, and build a database of Labour supporters in business, with the intention of drip-feeding in the run-up to the election star names who will come out for Labour, following business figures such as Sir Terence Conran, the style guru, Sir David Naish, the farmers' leader, and, today, Cob Stenham.

While such endorsements are an indication of the extent of business backing for Labour, they give little away about business demand for Labour — the extent to which every leading Labour figure, and most Labour MPs, are now besieged by requests from business figures to meet them, talk to them, lunch with them.

Recently one particularly enterprising chamber of commerce wrote to every Labour frontbencher, asking them to address the chamber. After the replies were in, teatime chatter happened to discover that the chamber's next six months of meetings were solidly booked with Labour figures. While Labour is keen to spread its word to business, party leaders decided that such deployment was perhaps not the most efficient use of the party's resources.

To deal with such problems, Mr Blair has given the job of co-ordinating Labour's relations with business to Geoff Hoon, MP for Ashfield and a member of the party's trade and industry team.

Mr Hoon, who is responsible in the Labour DTI team for new technologies, will act as a clearing-house for Labour's contacts with business, and as the principal way in to Labour for business, as well as liaising between the party and Labour-business bodies such as the Industry Forum. He accepts that after so long in office, business is drawn towards the Conservatives as a means of getting things done — but echoes Mr Blair's denial that it is the natural party of business, insisting that many Conservative policies have been and will be damaging to business in Britain.

A former MEP, he offers Europe as an example, maintaining that Conservative divisions over Europe are in practice far more damaging to business than even the worst business fears about the social chapter could ever be.

Moves such as giving business a key contact in Mr Hoon will be welcomed in industry, scrabbling to find out how a Labour government might work. Labour will give further clues when, after today's conference, it formally publishes later this month its long-awaited policy document on business, which has already been detailed in *The Times*.

Labour leaders know that however hard they try, they will never win over some parts of business. But they know too the widespread presumption that Labour will win the next election. In the race for votes, Labour will seek to capitalise on that; and Labour leaders hope today's declaration by a top company leader will be only the first of many in the run-up to polling day.

Ensuring that those who do not join a single currency in the first group are not penalised is a crucial matter of principle.

But, in practical terms, the Bank rejects alarmist talk of thousands of job losses in the City if Britain remains outside the single currency. Take foreign exchange trading as an example. The average daily turnover in London is \$464 billion. Of that, only 10 per cent is trading in European currencies alone. The vast bulk is trade between the dollar and another currency.

LIFFE — the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange — carries out more than double the business done in Paris or Frankfurt and has already moved to make new alliances with futures markets in Tokyo and Chicago, and to make provision for the arrival of the euro in its existing contracts. Eroding the City's dominance will be a huge task, even with attempts at discrimination.

In the narrowest sense, restrictions on borrowing from the European Central Bank could easily be got round by highly sophisticated and innovative British banks.

Mark Fox of Lehman Brothers argues that any form of artificial restriction on the freedom to trade euros is unlikely to work and would be counter-productive. Just as the huge Eurobond market came to London to avoid US regulation, so an offshore market in euros would soon spring up.

It may even be that the Bank of England could take the lead in designing a secondary market in euros that would be another lucrative source of



ANTHONY HARRIS

## What would be the result if costs rise but prices don't?

AN elementary question, you may think: even illiterate street traders know that the difference between cost and price is profit. Or perhaps too elementary: for the point is hardly ever mentioned in the countless brokers' circulars that come to my desk, though they are supposed to be all about profits.

Analysts, after all, like to use sophisticated analysis. Central bankers are not so proud. When they met in the United States last weekend for their annual checkered-shirt gathering in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, one of the main talking points — along with a report that Bill Clinton ruthlessly cooks his golf scores — was the coming squeeze on US margins.

In spite of the shortage of headline material, this was a notable gathering for it saw a mass conversion to Fed thinking. A few years ago I listened to the same group, egged on by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, commit itself to a target of zero inflation; but

soaked one pressure after another — rising employment, rising prime costs, rising credit growth — without a wobble in the inflation chart. So the Fed has found itself increasingly drawn to what we might call the Boode thesis: that structural changes in international trade, the labour market, the retail chain and the structure of demand (less and less material inputs) have combined to build a strong dam against inflation. Experiments with faster growth — not fast, mind you, just a little faster — are therefore pretty safe.

And with even the Bundesbank trying devaluation as a stimulus — with Issing's support, this time — this can clearly not be dismissed as just American election-year thinking. It is a pointer: central banks no longer seem as jumpy about inflation as the markets are. Are they justified?

The Fed, perhaps. In America, investment-led growth has led to a bottleneck-free paradise: fierce

competition is restraining prices, and a study in the current *Barrow's* showing that cashflow growth is falling, suggests that the squeeze may already have started. Hence the talk at Jackson Hole.

But the United States does look like a special case; can anyone else look forward with even provisional confidence? The EMU candidates can afford a few risks now because Maastricht has so depressed their economies but they could take fright if the cure works.

So, perhaps we in Britain are destined to provide the test case: is it enough, in today's world, simply to run an open economy? We won't know the answer until further into the renewed recovery, but the latest Confederation of British Industry survey provides one encouraging straw: output is rising, but price trends are still "negative". (Who said "everybody hates inflation"?)

That could be the first sign of a squeeze; but watch the numbers not the analysts. They seem unable to ask the question posed in our headline because they are living in the past — a past where higher activity means that costs, prices and profits all rise. Perhaps not, this time.

## City well placed to survive any EMU-inspired discrimination

THE arcane technical work of the European Monetary Institute as it prepares for monetary union is not a natural source of dramatic headlines. But this week's monthly meeting coincided with dark talk of skulduggery by Germany and France, aimed at penalising Britain for daring to opt out of the single currency.

The root of the controversy is whether those countries who remain outside the first phase of monetary union should be given full and equal access to Target — the European-wide bank settlements system. The EMI has already made it clear that all members of the European Union, whether in or out of the single currency, should have access to Target. But France and Germany have argued that the "outs" should not be allowed to borrow from the European Central Bank.

This contrasts with the British payments system. If, for example, Barclays wants to pay Lloyds a sum of money but doesn't have the money on the spot, it can borrow from the Bank of England against a security. At the end of the day, Barclays pays back the Bank and everything is squared.

But France and Germany see a dual role for Target, both as a payments system and as a money market in which the ECB can control the amount of liquidity and, therefore, the level of interest rates. They argue the "outs" should not be able to borrow from the ECB because this would affect the European money supply. If countries are not prepared to subscribe to a common monetary policy, why should they have the means to disrupt it.

Penalising single currency 'outs' unlikely to work, says Janet Bush



LIFFE trades 73 per cent of German Government bond futures

an oddity in British terms. In Britain, banks settle their day-to-day debts with each other through CHAPS — the Clearing House Automated Payment System. Purely in order to settle transactions they are allowed to borrow very short term from the Bank. The money market, in which banks borrow from each other and from the Bank, is quite distinct.

The exact form of Target has not yet been agreed and indeed does not appear to have been part of the formal agenda of the latest EMI meeting. But the view from Threadneedle Street is that it is a necessary

conflate a payments system with a money market. The attempt to do so may be muddled thinking or it may be a specious way of penalising the "outs" in order to grab some trading and banking business from London to Frankfurt or Paris.

Either way, the tussle is being taken seriously by the Bank. Howard Davies, Deputy Governor, gave warning in a speech in Austria last week that Britain would regard any attempt to discriminate against the "outs" as illegal under the terms of the single market. He was clearly alluding to the Treaty provisions

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# MUSIC 1

Wayne Marshall prepares to take command of the biggest pipe organ in the country



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## Piping hot and ready to serve Manchester

Wayne Marshall is one of those impressively energetic young men for whom no challenge is ever too much. He also happens to be one of the most exciting British keyboard musicians of his generation. Organist, conductor, concert pianist, composer, choral director, musical maestro and whirlwind fixer, the 35-year-old seems to spin from jet plane to fast car to international opera house, music hall, jazz bar, studio, intimate church and vast cathedral in a life of thrilling speed, showmanship and artistic professionalism.

### Joanna Pitman meets the organist who will be pulling out all the stops for Britain's newest concert hall

of the Hallé Orchestra. It is equipped with the largest mechanical organ in Britain, a 5,500-pipe creation which dominates the auditorium, covering an entire wall with wood and burnished metal.

"I'm going to be responsible for everything to do with the organ," says Marshall. "All its programming, recitals, educational projects, workshops, recordings, all artistic performance and the welfare of the instrument itself. And I'll probably be playing it quite a bit, too."

It is characteristic of the man that he regards this huge

range of new opportunities and responsibilities as just one new facet of his multifaceted life. "Ooh yes, I'm going to continue doing lots of other things: recitals, conducting, music festivals, lots of travelling. I'll be based in London, speeding up to Manchester regularly. But this is a very exciting development."

Already widely celebrated for its magnificent size, the organ has been built by the Danish builders Marcussen & Son at a cost of £1.2 million. It has two consoles and 77 stops and has taken more than four months of painstaking tinkering to be fully tuned and voiced. "It can handle the full organ repertoire beautifully," says Marshall. "It really is a fantastic instrument."

Fantastic is a Marshall word. A strident enthusiast for every new challenge, he has been pushing against boundaries since the age of 14 when he heard a recording of Virgil Fox, the American jazz pianist, playing the scherzo from Louis Vierne's Second Organ Symphony. "Virgil Fox was a champion organist," says Marshall. "Most impressive to me was the fact that he played things his own way, not how the purists expected."

Marshall went away and learnt the piece himself. He had been playing the piano since the age of three when his mother, an auxiliary nurse, had been doing Associated Board exams and encouraged him to have a go on the keyboard with her. "I had perfect pitch and apparently I used to correct her mistakes," he says. "Isn't that just horrible at the age of three?"

At 11 he tried playing a few chords on the school organ during a carol concert rehearsal, and he can neatly date his obsession with the instrument

from that very afternoon. By 14 he was studying the organ formally at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. After leaving school he spent one year as organ scholar at Manchester Cathedral and then four years at the Royal College of Music. He later diversified from recitals into opera, appearing under Simon Rattle at Glyndebourne in 1986 as the pianist Jasbo Brown in *Porgy and Bess*.

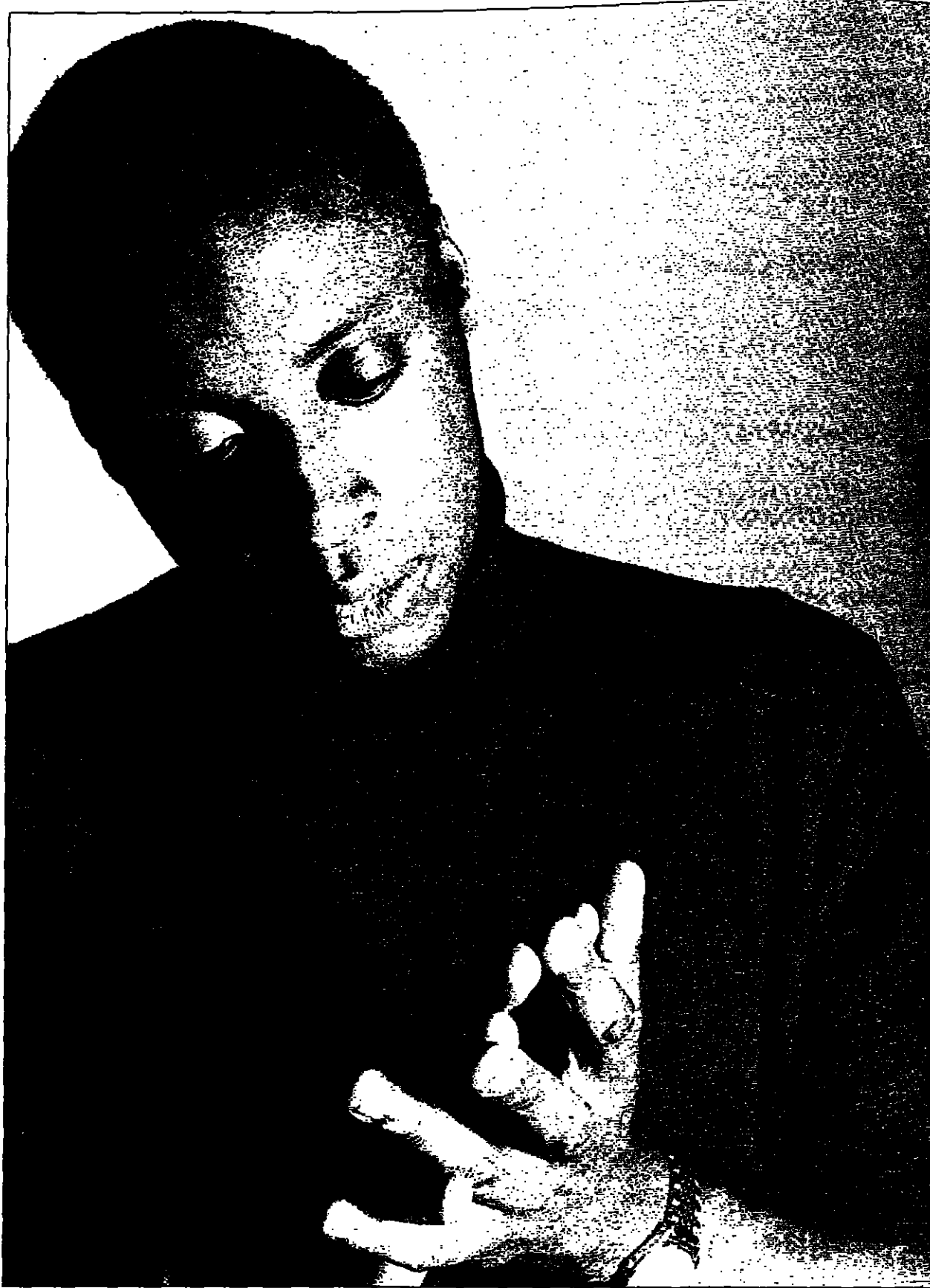
"I later became chorus master for a *Porgy and Bess*," he says. "I think that was when I really started thinking in a seriously orchestral way and adapting that way of thought to all sorts of music, expanding away from the standard organ repertoire and transcribing other pieces of music for the organ. I've transcribed all sorts of things. I'm not afraid to go over the edge."

Conducting has offered Marshall a natural direction in which to expand his talents. "The first time on the podium is a bit terrifying," he says, "but you just have to try things out and make mistakes."

He has conducted the Royal Scottish National and the Bournemouth Symphony orchestras, and last year appeared as piano soloist with the Berlin Philharmonic under Rattle. Following in Rattle's footsteps, he has made something of a name for himself with his unusual programmes. At a recent concert in Dallas, he conducted two Duke Ellington pieces followed by Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony.

His itinerary indicates the normal madly rushed life of a top musician: in the first six months of this year he went to the United States three times, to Italy, Germany, Sweden, Japan and Barbados. And he's ready for more. "I love this kind of high-speed life," he says. "And when I'm not performing, I'm out at jazz clubs or other organ recitals."

● The Bridgewater Hall (0161-407 9000) opens in Manchester on September 11



Wayne Marshall: the organist-in-residence at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall, which opens its doors next week

### BBC PROMS: Romantic masterpieces directed by Rattle and Harnoncourt

THEY may not have quite the sleekness of the Berlin Philharmonic, Barry Millington writes. But the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at least showed, in its Monday Prom, a greater enterprise in programming. Where the Berliners offered only Brahms and Mahler last week, the Brummies prefaced Bruckner's *Chronometrie*. Under Simon Rattle, the CBSO brought out the rich colourings of Messiaen's score without any sacrifice in terms of precision of ensemble.

The Bruckner was a remarkable reading. I cannot recall having heard it so expressively played. Rattle offered a refreshing new perspective, touching in its human vulnerability. The marking "schr Feierlich" attached to the end of the first movement indicates solemnity rather than a slower tempo, but Rattle chose this moment to set the broader pace for the final ascent. A magnificently sustained and expansive climax it was, too.

The very end of the symphony likewise soared ecstatically. In such passages one could appreciate Rattle's sensitivity in matters of balance. Where even very experienced conductors sometimes let the brass have their head, with ruinous consequences, Rattle could confidently encourage them without fear of being blasted.

ON SUNDAY Nikolaus Harnoncourt and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe brought a distinctive sound, an unmistakable way with the Viennese classics. *Hilary Finch* writes. And this was one of the orchestra's long-awaited visits to Britain. The more pity, then, that on this occasion it was so much the mind of Harnoncourt which dominated. In both Mozart's *Prague Symphony* and in Schubert's *Great C major* there was the strange sensation on Sunday of watching a perfectly controlled *tableau vivant*. And of course humour is due. To the way the three beats of Mozart's *Andante* were subsumed into a series of long breaths, perfectly realising the deceptive ease of the composer's own highly sophisticated progress of ideas. To the intense quietness of Schubert's

## Majestic Bruckner

scalewise descent to the shadowlands of his second movement; and to the wonderfully lilting rustic majesty of the Scherzo's centrepiece.

Everything was reassuringly in place: much went beyond predictability. And it went beyond the stamp of personal distinction which character-

ises the interpretations of the great conductors to what was more like a minutely and deeply studied reading, rehearsed and repeated countless times. A sense of evolution, of deepening encounter, was missing.

## More of the new

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Sept 25, Oct 2  
● *Scenes from Paradise* by Michael Wall (7.30pm) Set on a Thai beach, this is a scathingly funny look at the West's exploitation of the Third World  
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## PREVIEW

From the Tate Gallery's stunning new historical exhibition, *Grand Tour: The Lure of Italy*...



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## PREVIEW

... and from the opera singer Thomas Allen, celebrating 25 years at Covent Garden...



## PREVIEW

... to *Jude* and the other top movies: *Times* critics select the autumn's best entertainments

# Critics' choice of autumn shows

## VISUAL ARTS

**Richard Cork**  
on the shock  
of the new  
— and very old

■ NO DOUBT about it: the most revelatory exhibition this autumn is bound to be *Mysteries of Ancient China* at the British Museum (Sept 13 — Jan 5). Astounding discoveries have been made in China's excavated tombs since the last great show of Chinese treasures was held in London 20 years ago. Ranging in date from 4500 BC to 220 AD, the riches on view in this new survey offer a wealth of fresh insights into the Chinese mastery of ceramics and bronze.

Antony Gormley's *Field for the British Isles* could be seen as a contemporary response to the terracotta warriors filling some of the greatest Chinese royal tombs. A spectacular installation of 40,000 terracotta figures, Gormley's *Field* transformed his own reputation when first seen at Liverpool. Now, at last, it arrives in London at the Hayward Gallery, as one of the outstanding new purchases for the Arts Council Collection (Sept 19 — Nov 17). At the same time, Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs also go on view at the Hayward. Frankly homoerotic, often exquisite and sometimes shocking, these highly charged images are bound to provoke widespread debate.

Rachid Whitehead's *House*, cast in concrete from a condemned terraced home in East London, likewise proved hugely controversial. Although it was soon destroyed, Whitehead continues to produce outstanding sculpture. And the first full-scale survey of her work at the Tate Gallery Liverpool will reveal the full extent of her achievement (Sept 14 — Jan 5). As well as including sculptures cast in resin, plaster and rubber, the show coincides with the Nov-



*The Girandola, or Grand Fire Work at the Castel St Angelo in Rome*, by Joseph Wright of Derby: one of many evocative 18th-century landscapes in the Tate Gallery's *Grand Tour: The Lure of Italy*

ember unveiling of her major Holocaust Memorial in the Judenplatz in Vienna.

Italy, as seen through the fascinated and often avaricious eyes of British travellers, provides the focus for the Tate Gallery's big autumn exhibi-

tion (Oct 10 — Jan 5). In *Grand Tour: The Lure of Italy* in the 18th Century, a cavalcade of paintings, drawings and sculptures will testify to the magnetic allure of Venice, Florence, Rome and Naples. Young British aristocrats

roamed these cities in search of enlightenment and items for their collections, represented here by Claude, Canaletto and Piranesi, among others.

Rubens, who shared their admiration for Italian art, will be celebrated at the National

Gallery (Oct 16 — Jan 19). His exuberant panoramic *Landscape with Her Steen* is the centrepiece of the first-ever exhibition to study his astonishing prowess as a landscape painter. These are the pictures he made largely for his own

enjoyment, and they now deserve to be ranked among his most brilliant achievements.

After its acclaimed showing in Edinburgh this summer, the Giacometti retrospective arrives at the Royal Academy (Oct 9 — Jan 1). The most

comprehensive survey of his work to be displayed here for 30 years, it will offer an immensely powerful experience. But cutting-edge art refuses to be eclipsed. The Turner Prize exhibition opens at the Tate Gallery (Oct 29 —

Jan 12), offering this time an all-male contest between Douglas Gordon, Craigie Horsfield, Gary Hume and Simon Patterson. The winner of the £20,000 prize will be announced during a live Channel 4 broadcast (Nov 26).

## Note the new Pinter, says Benedict Nightingale

■ IF THE London theatre is in as low a state as some say, why does my autumn diary already look so bloated? Nor is all the activity occurring in places with handsome subsidies. Gene Wilder comes to the Queens (Oct 3) in Neil Simon's latest comedy, *Laughing on the 23rd Floor*. Another American movie star, Jessica Lange, is expected at the Haymarket in Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Dec). Our own Finney and Courtenay are at Wyndhams (Oct 15) in Art, a play that has had great success on the Continent.

Expect even more hype for the opening of the rejigged Lyceum (Nov 19). Somewhere behind those majestic columns will be a revival of Jesus Christ Superstar, giving guess-who a total of five mega-musicals in London.

The non-profit-making playhouses, too, will be doing their bit to revivify the West End. The Albery becomes a mini-Moscow Art Theatre, giving house-room

## THEATRE

first to Chichester's fine *Uncle Vanya*, then to the RSC's equally stirring *Cherry Orchard*. It will be surprising if Diana Rigg and David Suchet, opening at the Almeida (Sept 25) in Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, don't also make the trip to Shaftesbury Avenue.

And the reconstruction of the Royal Court is good news for the commercial sector. It means that the autumn's most important new play, Pinter's *Ashe to Ashe*, opens at the Ambassadors (Sept 19) and downtown revivals of Jez Butterworth's brilliant *Mojo* and Martin McDonagh's grimly elegiac *Beauty Queen of Leenane* are in the offing.

At the National, look for Simon Callow in Jonson's *Alchemist*, Alun Armstrong as Willy Loman in Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and Richard Eyre's vaudeville revival of *Gays and Dolls*. At the Barbican the Royal

Shakespeare Company restages its latest Stratford season — notably, a sensual *Troilus and Cressida* and Peter Whelan's *Herbal Bed*, a speculative peek at the love-life of Shakespeare's daughter.

Starting in 1997, the RSC will be spending months out of the Barbican and on the road. As part of the plan, the new Stratford season begins much earlier than usual — this November. So late autumn brings us *Much Ado, Hearty VIII* and Katie Mitchell's production of *Everyman*.

Elsewhere in the regions, there's Alan Bennett's reworking of his TV play *Office Suite* (West Yorkshire, Leeds, Sept 24), Edward Albee's bizarre *Seascape* (Glasgow Citizens, Oct 30) and, if he can overcome the technical problems that wrecked it in Edinburgh, Robert Lepage's one-man *Elsinore* (Nottingham Playhouse, Nov 20). Also... but, sorry, my overfed diary just burst.

## Geoff Brown previews a strong European line-up



Top films include Greenaway's *The Pillow Book*...



... Lars Von Trier's powerful *Breaking the Waves*...



... and Michael Winterbottom's Hardy movie, *Jude*

## FILMS

■ FOR films with true originality this season, you must look to Europe and beyond. For sheer pictorial flair nothing can beat Peter Greenaway's *The Pillow Book* (Nov), an extraordinary elaboration of a 1,000-year-old Japanese text. The film juggles layer upon layer of imagery, and still finds room for an involving story about a Japanese fashion model who covers her lovers' bodies with calligraphy.

Compared to Greenaway, Lars von Trier's image-making in *Breaking the Waves* (Oct) may appear gauche. Such dull colours! Then a miracle happens, and we become mesmerised by Emily Watson's Scottish spinster risking her elders' ire by her love for a foreign oil-rig worker. Some will wince at a woman sacrificing herself to satisfy male desires. But as melodrama the film has few modern peers.

Literary cinema is not neglected. Thomas Hardy, Jane Austen's new rival in the classic novelist stakes, gets a brisk dusting down in *Jude* (early Oct). *Jude the Obscure*, that is: not the most cheery of novels. The director Michael Winterbottom cuts out some agony by rushing through the illicit union between stonecutter Jude (Christopher Eccleston) and his cousin Sue (Katie Winslet). But the images alone retain that Hardy chill.

Then Shakespeare makes his mark with *Twelfth Night* (late Oct), directed by Trevor Nunn. Imogen Stubbs is Viola, Helena Bonham Carter Olivia, and Nigel Hawthorne Malvolio. Nunn pitches the play into the late 19th century; its mood is autumnal, its colours Pre-Raphaelite. Not every moment may please, but at least it never feels like a Branagh roadshow.

Another theatrical crossover arrives at the end of the year when Daniel Day-Lewis and Winona Ryder tackle Miller's *The Crucible* under the direction of Nicholas Hytner. An odd film to release on Boxing Day.

## Richard Morrison hails a hall

■ ALL EARS on Manchester. Bridgewater Hall, new home of the Hallé Orchestra, opens its doors next week with premieres (Sept 11, 12) by George Benjamin. Thomas Adès and John Adams. The first visiting orchestra will be the mighty Chicago Symphony under Barenboim (Sept 14), while the BBC Philharmonic, which will also play regularly there, makes its hall debut with Berlioz's *Grande Messe des Morts* (Sept 15) — a prelude to Manchester's Berlioz and Dutilleul Festival (Oct).

The Northern Sinfonia has followed the modern trend and appointed a top instrumentalist, the French pianist Jean-Bernard Pommeroy, as its principal conductor (first concert Sept 26, Newcastle). So has the Scottish Chamber Orchestra: its new maestro is the violinist Joseph Swensen (from Oct 2).

## MUSIC

Soon to face life after Rattle, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will be hoping for great things from concerts with young Daniel Harding (Dec). The London Sinfonietta offers a wealth of transatlantic discovery as part of the South Bank's *American Independent* series (Oct) — including what will surely be the title of the year: Michael Daugherty's *Le Tombeau de Libera*.

But the biggest premiere belongs to the BBC Symphony Orchestra, giving the first European performance (Festival Hall, Nov 17) of William Bolcom's epic Blake setting, *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* — 25 years in the writing and involving every conceivable musical ensemble, and a few inconceivable ones as well.

## Rodney Milnes inspects a parade of Soldiers

■ THE Royal Opera devotes the first part of its golden jubilee season to consolidation (polite word) or endless revivals (less polite). But three *Ring* cycles (from Sept 21) constitute revival on an epic scale. Richard Jones's famously controversial production is in a state of constant development. But the real come-on is Haitink's conducting: you won't hear Wagner done better today.

Otherwise it's a month's triple-cast run of *La Bohème* (Sept 14), with Andrei Serban's classic *Turandot* as the Christmas show, conducted by Daniele Gatti (Dec 10). Two star singers celebrate 25 years' service at Covent Garden: Thomas Allen in one of his great roles, Don Giovanni, and Plácido Domingo. He conducts *Tosca* (Dec 9) instead of singing in it, as announced, and compensates by singing Siegmund in a single *Die Walküre* (Dec 6).

After Jonathan Miller's

## OPERA

season-opening new production of *La traviata* (Sept 12), its revival time at English National Opera as well, but they are shows we all want to see again: Britten's *Drum* with the new counter-tenor star David Daniels as Oberon (Sept 18), Sally Burgess and Richard Van Allan in Massenet's *Don Quixote* (Oct 2), Lesley Garrett as *The Cunning Little Vixen* (Oct 18), Miller's immortal mafioso *Rigoletto* (Nov 2), and that treasure-trove of melody *The Pearl Fishers* (Nov 29).

In among them is the big one, the first British staging of Zimmermann's *Soldiers* (*Die Soldaten*, if you must), one of the most complex postwar operas. Often planned, it has never before come to fruition (Nov 19).

Welsh National Opera kick off with Katie Mitchell's first opera production (smart move). *Don Giovanni* (Sept

14), conducted by Carlo Rizzi and with Davide Damiani in the title role. They also offer a repertory run of Maxwell Davies's fascinating, succinct *Doctor of Myddfai*, with Paul Whelan and Gwynne Howell (Oct 5).

Opera North opens with a new *Madama Butterfly*, directed by Dalia Ibelhauptaite, conducted by Marco Zambelli, and with the Chinese soprano Chen Sue. Then there's a rare chance to catch Gluck's *Iphigénie en Aulide* (Sept 30). Absolutely unmissable is Deborah Warner's Opera North revival of her Wozzeck production with Josephine Barston and Andrew Shore, conducted by Paul Daniel (Oct 10). Scottish Opera's first new venture is *Idomeneo*, conducted by Antoni Ros Marbà and directed and designed by David McVicar (Oct 3). Later, Anne-Marie Owens sings her first Azucena in a *Traviata* conducted by Richard Armstrong (Nov 6).

Is Eaton Square too expensive?

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One of London's most fashionable addresses is pricing itself out of the market. Rachel Kelly reports

## Is Eaton Square too expensive?

Eaton Square, once London's most fashionable address, is losing its cachet as home to the rich and famous. At least ten flats and houses in the square have failed to sell more than a year after they were put on the market.

Agents say that potential buyers are being put off by the prospect of buying flats on short leases, some with no possibility of an extension, high service charges and overpricing. Lorna Vestey, of Knight Frank, said: "It would be nice if Eaton Square regained its former glory."

Buying agents who act on behalf of buyers, confirm their lack of interest in the square. Willy Gething, of Property Vision, said: "Our buyers are not interested in buying such expensive flats on such short leases. Eaton Square used to be the number one address in London, but no longer."

existing residents who wanted to extend their leases and that the Grosvenor Estate, which is owned by the Duke of Westminster, offered a range of leases in the square. He denied that service charges were high for the square.

Eaton Square was designed and built between 1826 and 1855 by Thomas Cubitt, the master builder who also built the east front of Buckingham Palace and Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, for Queen Victoria. It took its name from Eaton Hall in Cheshire.

The first house was occupied by W.H. Whitbread, the brewer. Another early resident was George Fitz-Clarence, the eldest bastard son of William IV at number 13. Prince Metemich stayed at number 44 in 1848 and Admiral Sir Edward Codrington died at number 92 in 1851.

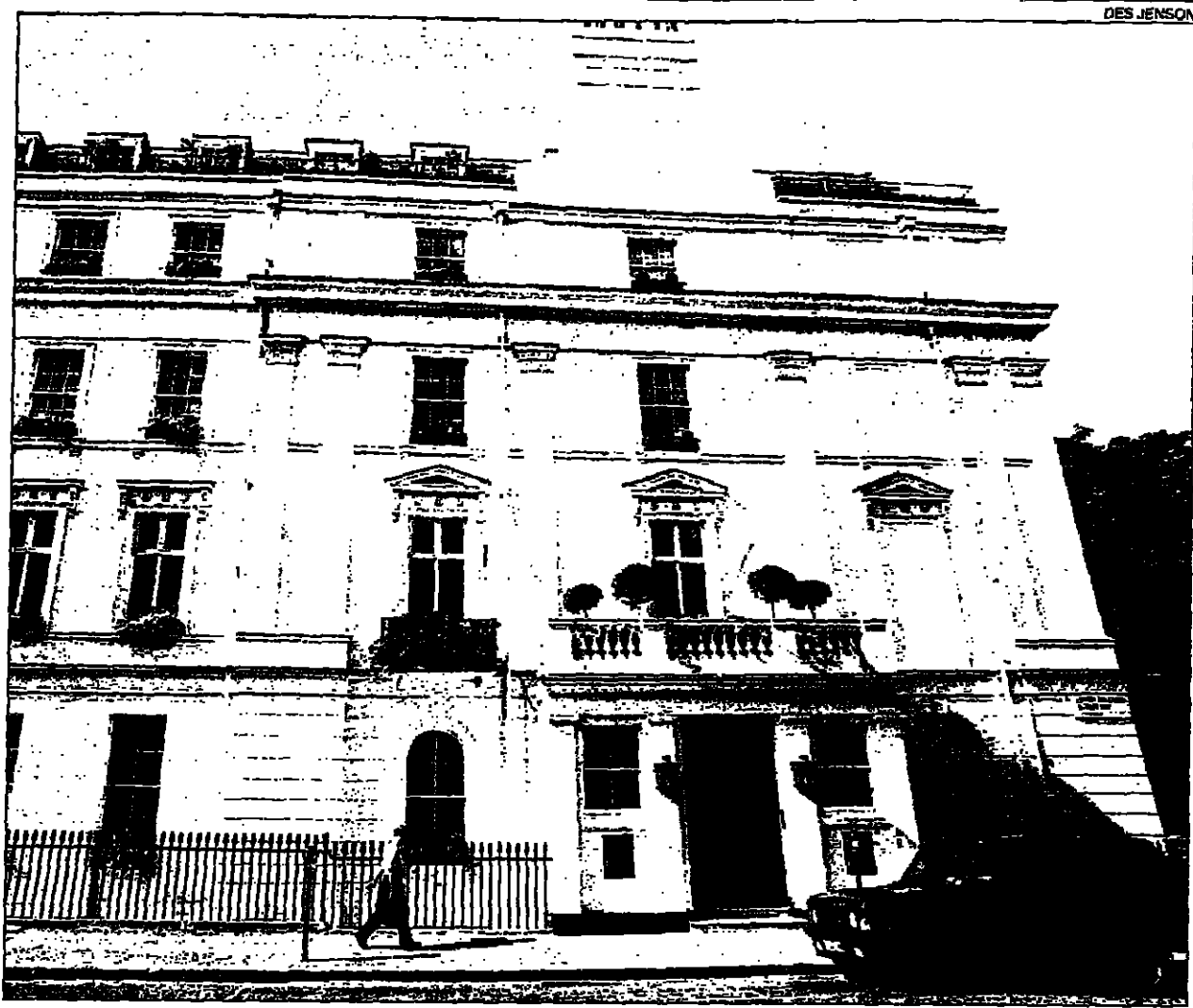
Two Prime Ministers, Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain, lived respectively at number 93 in 1920-23 and at number 37 in 1923-35.

Residents include the Duke of Westminster, Lord Howard de Walden, Viscount Rothes and the Countess of Lichfield. The Belgian and Bolivian embassies are also in the square. On the door of the Belgian Embassy is a plaque with the inscription, "Here many Belgians volunteered during World War Two to fight with their allies on land, sea and air to liberate their country. Those who gave their lives will not be forgotten."

Milton Shubman, the author, columnist and former theatre critic, and a resident of the square for 40 years, said: "I love living here. It is still the most gracious square in the world. The gardens are beautiful. Where else do you stand and look at a view as if you might be in the country?"

But he said the character of the square had changed. "There are very few English names now. The likes of Vivien Leigh, Terence Rattigan and Rosamond Lehmann used to live here."

The square used to be lived in by people who cared, who campaigned on local issues, such as a one-way traffic flow in Elizabeth Street and providing parking meters for residents. Now there are lots of foreigners who aren't here very much. It's a shame."



Hugh House, top, is for sale. Terence Rattigan, Vivien Leigh and Neville Chamberlain all once lived in Eaton Square

## A mystery client with expensive tastes

HUGH House is on the corner of Eaton Square. Its front door is, technically, in Lower Belgrave Street, but its address, No. 7a, enjoys Eaton Square's continuing, if diminished, status.

The house was bought in early 1994 by an investor, believed to be Swiss, who intended to live there. Then, planning permission allowed the building to be used only as an office or headquarters, but consent was refused to convert the building back into a home.

The work has been carried out by Luis Charnat, a distinguished Austrian lady interior decorator who has worked on a number of Belgrave houses. Some property insiders even speculate that she may also be the mysterious "client" who owns the place.

Ms Charnat has already refurbished an Eaton Square house, which was sold to the Lloyd Webbers, in addition to a mansion in Chester Square that bears

many of her trademark features. But Hugh House is her *magnum opus*. It has bullet-proof windows, concealed air-conditioning, an indoor swimming pool surrounded by a garden lush with camellias, and reception rooms decorated in muted greys and moss greens, furnished with antiques and old master pictures.

She says she prefers to work with clients who have important art collections. Orchids and sweet-smelling flowers abound, with concealed lighting and a magnificent Regency central staircase.

The house was once the home of the Marquess of Abergavenny, and remained so till 1928. Between 1934 and 1989, it was home to the Queen's Nursing Institute. Savills and Knight Frank are selling the house on an 80-year lease, but ruled by the iron hand of Ms Charnat or her client, they are refusing to reveal any details to the press. However, the

residence's sale—price £25 million—has become an open secret on the property market.

Privately, agents say that at £25 million it is overpriced. In 1994, about £10 million was offered for the house. "It seems impossible that she can have spent as much as £10 million on the decor. Ms Charnat's profit must be huge," said one agent, unwilling to be named for fear of losing future business.

A second agent said he believed the house to be worth nearer £13 million. "After all, this is a just a town house, for all that it is magnificently decorated. It is not special in the way that Aubrey House in Kensington, and the Old Rectory in Chelsea, are special. They both have exceptionally large gardens for Central London."

Aubrey House is currently for sale for £25 million, and the Old Rectory sold last year for a guide price of £25 million.

## Style gurus focus on the bathroom

A neglected room is being revamped, says Amanda Loose

An oasis of tranquillity; the ultimate design statement; a room that can even help to sell your home. Of all rooms, the bathroom does not immediately spring to mind. But the days of avocado and turquoise Formica are long gone. The best efforts of the style gurus have transformed this long neglected domain into a mecca of luxury and glamour.

Buyers, no longer satisfied with a purely functional bathroom, have very definite ideas about what the sophisticated bathroom must have, say developers and agents.

In larger houses, the main bathroom is vitally important, much more so than 25 years ago when a bathroom was a bathroom, full stop, and probably had linoleum on the floor. But as the time and expense spent getting the bathrooms in new developments and rental properties right shows, it is now a major selling point," says Richard Crosthwaite of Knight Frank.

Louise Counsell of Try Homes agrees. "The days when a bathroom was hidden away at the back of the house are gone. The style of bathrooms has changed dramatically over the past few years, with more expensive fittings being the norm. People demand more from their bathrooms, particularly space and luxury."

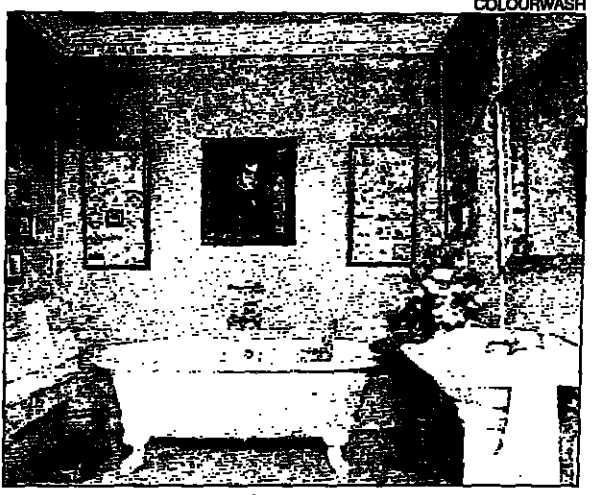
So what makes a bathroom just right? In a recent survey, Savills spoke to 20,000 householders who had bought newly built homes since 1993. Almost 40 per cent considered it essential to have a white suite in their bathrooms, and over 35 per cent thought a power shower vital.

Mr Crosthwaite believes that there is definitely a list of bathroom must-haves that buyers look for. A cast-iron or stainless-steel bath is essential and it must be white with chrome, nickel or brass fittings. The separate shower cubicle should have marble lined walls and a custom-built marble shower tray. There should be no gimmicks, spouting swans or dolphins.

Alannah Dowling, an interior designer, confirms that people have moved away from the fitted look of the 1970s and 1980s to putting furniture in bathrooms. "People want to make them look like rooms, to have a hand basin with a pretty table beside it with their bits and pieces on," she says. "Where space isn't at such a premium, people are using big rooms to create bathrooms-cum-dressing rooms."

So why the sudden interest in bathrooms? The revamped and retro bathroom is fast becoming the ultimate retreat from modern life, refreshing the soul as well as cleansing the body. Utility is now only part of its function. "Today's hectic lifestyles mean that bathrooms are much more than functional necessities, they can provide a private oasis and a relaxing retreat from the outside world," says Catherine Haig, whose book *Making the Most of Bathrooms* (Conran Octopus, £10.99) is published this month.

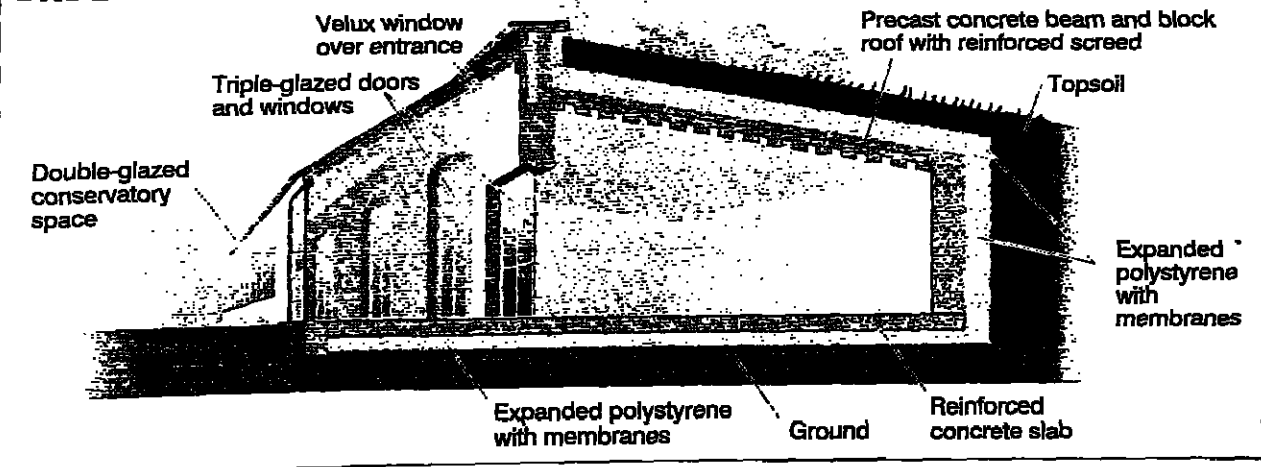
Susan Crewe, the editor of *House and Garden* agrees. "Where do we find privacy? One place is the bathroom, which is becoming bigger... It might have a fireplace and an easy chair, a telephone point and speakers from the music system."



Adding Victorian style: from Catherine Haig's *Making the Most of Bathrooms* (Chatham Octopus, £10.99)

## The folks who live under the hill

### UNDER THE GROUND



### Not hermits or hippies, just green pioneers

ONE resident of the Hockerton eco-homes will be Andrew Martin, a special needs teacher who has supported the plans from the first, writes Conal Walsh. "The desire to live a pioneering, unpolluted life has brought a range of people together," says 38-year-old Mr Martin. "Being underground, we will need no central heating and very little hot-water heating. That's £1,000 a year saved. And being earth-sheltered, there will be no need to spend much doing up the outside of the house."

"We will harvest our own water and have our own water filtering system. With water prices going up so fast, that's probably a real investment. The wind turbine, which will cost £4,000 up front, will last for 20 years."

Mr Martin is anxious to dispel any "hippie" image that he and his fellow residents might be saddled with. "This is not going to be like some 1960s commune," he says. "The fact is, we have to munc."



Andrew Martin with a model of the underground complex that will house five families

looking after. We have to build a road, someone has to fetch drinking water... the list goes on. We have each brought our own interests to the project."

In other ways, the residents' lives will be conventional. "We're not going to be sharing wives or anything," says Mr Martin. "Every family will live in a house of its own and we'll all have our cookers, televisions, washing machines and all the other mod cons."

community tasks, though, has required many future residents to switch to part-time employment. But Mr Martin believes the sacrifice will be worth it. "We're not hermits here. But we have decided to take a step back from the promotion ladder," he says. "I'm not interested in that annual holiday in Acapulco. The satisfaction comes from the fact that we're living healthy lives, looking after the environment and the

### Rachel Kelly on a project to build eco-friendly homes into grass banks

The men of the Nottinghamshire coalfields have traditionally spent much of their working lives underground. Now five families from one of the county's mining villages are returning to the bowels of the earth for a new kind of subterranean existence: living in "earth-sheltered" eco-efficient homes. Work began last month on Britain's first hamlet of such homes, which are not connected to the national sewage or water systems and will generate their own electricity by using a wind turbine.

The five new houses at Hockerton, near Southwell, are part of a £500,000 project to create a green living environment. They were designed by husband-and-wife architects Dr Robert and Brenda Vale and are being constructed by the builder Nick Martin.

Fortunately for their occupants, reaching the £50,000 three-bedroom properties will not involve being winched down a deep shaft. Each house will simply be set into a slope so that it is partly buried, with the roof and one side underground and sheep grazing on the grass above. From the outside, they will be almost invisible.

One south-facing wall will be made of triple-glazed glass to provide natural light and heat. The surrounding earth will act as insulation and help to create a draught-free interior with lower fuel bills. Heating and lighting will come from solar panels, according to Penny Poyzer, one of the project's organisers.

grid than it takes in," says Ms Poyzer. "Like many people, we have always done our recycling but we wanted to do more. We wanted to live in an atmosphere that had no bad effect on the environment."

Water will be collected from the site, stored in reservoirs and ponds, filtered and fed into a conventional tap system. Sewage will be purified by special lavatories which turn it into compost.

Future residents include a teacher, a clinical psychologist and an electronic engineer. The families have had to wait for two years, until planning permission was granted by Newark and Sherwood District Council. Other villagers objected to the plans.

"There is still much to do," says Ms Poyzer. "We reckon that building will take a year because we are being very careful with the environmental aspects. A great deal of care must be taken, and not just with the building of the houses. We are also excavating huge ponds to encourage wildlife."

Dr Vale claims that besides being unobtrusive in the landscape and less wasteful of energy than normal houses, the eco-friendly homes will also have another environmental benefit: reducing carbon dioxide emissions. "Thirty per cent of Britain's carbon dioxide emissions are produced by the light and heating used in conventional housing," he says.

The local council, attracted by the low running costs of such properties for council

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Going back to work after a break for children can be difficult. Joan Llewelyn Owens on ways to make the journey easier



Siân Jones, PA to a managing director, says: "People expect secretaries to be more pro-active than reactive"

## Happy returners

Secretaries who return to work after a break for children often find it daunting. They feel out of touch and may lack confidence. The modern office can seem like a different world from the one they left several years earlier.

Gill Sargeant, a management adviser with the Industrial Society and the author of *Back to Work*, a guide for women returners, has experienced this herself. Trained as a secretary, she took ten years off and then returned to the organisation for which she had previously worked very happily. It was a bad experience. "Technology wasn't an issue because I had kept up with my skills," she says. "It was the political issues."

It is not only a question of changing technology but of attitudes, too — attitudes of secretary towards manager and manager towards secretary. The old-style boss could be a dictator but today's secretaries often have to take charge and not accept bad behaviour from managers.

"People expect secretaries to be more pro-active than reactive," says Siân Jones, personal assistant to John Mortimer, managing director of Angela Mortimer. "You are more useful if you can take charge of projects." She gave up her job in 1992 when she became pregnant, and returned to secretarial work this year.

Mortimer, who acts on matters raised at meetings, organises interviews for aspiring consultants and is arranging a corporate event for the National Youth Ballet in November.

When she stopped work, Ms Jones was a freelance production manager with Thames Television, having joined as a secretary. She saw her time at home as a "positive experience which increased my ability in the workplace. As a mother you learn to do lots of things at the same time and think about 12 others". She also kept up with her skills.

What she did find difficult — she is separated from her husband — was having to put her son in a nursery so that she could take a full-time job. "I just have to decide whether the balance is right and that I see enough of him," she says. "After four years full-time with Alexander, it has been a big shock to my system to part with him, but he has blossomed. He loves the interaction with other children."

"I miss him. Every woman returner has to find the right balance for her. Some will work part-time and some full-time."

Not everyone makes the transition easily. Ann-Marie Kane, now temping, only took a year off when

her daughter was born. "If I had left it any longer before returning, I should have found it very difficult to get back into the work scene," she says.

"You start to lose confidence while at home. I felt I could never be the person I was and get myself organised in time in the morning. You have to push yourself."

She was amazed at how, in so short a time, technology had changed. Office Angels, with whom she registered, trained her (free) on a number of packages. Most of the big agencies will provide this facility.

Ms Jones and Ms Kane had no difficulty in finding work. That is not so in every case. Susan de la Rosa was out of the job market from 1987 to 1994. The OND in Business Studies that she completed on leaving school did not include computing, so she took an NVQ in Business Administration at West Kent College in Tonbridge.

She then looked for work, applying to secretarial agencies locally and in London. "I didn't get any help at all," she says. She scanned the newspapers and must have applied for more than 100 jobs, winning a handful of interviews but no job offers.

"I don't know whether it was my

age — 45 — or the fact that I had been out of work for so long. It was very disheartening." But eventually Kent College offered her first a temporary and then a permanent job as an admissions officer. Now she makes use of her new computing skills.

Clearly skills must usually be updated after a break. Many local TECs (Training and Enterprise Councils) organise free training in business administration and IT under the Training for Work scheme (for anyone unemployed for six months) and for labour market returners (away from work for at least two years). Some programmes include an element of confidence-building and training in interview techniques.

Many further education colleges offer similar courses, some funded by TECs and some by the European Social Fund. And there are refresher courses at private secretarial colleges. Courses in personal skills — assertiveness, stress management and time management, for example — are run by the Industrial Society's Pepperell Department. Be flexible.

A last word of advice. Be flexible. Do not necessarily go for the same sort of job as you had before. It is as important for you as for a first-jobber to get a foot in the door. So assess your skills honestly and work out where best you will fit in.

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## BOWLS

# WIBC riles players by splitting up top pairs

By DAVID RHYS JONES

TWO of the sport's most famous partnerships — David Bryant and Tony Alcock, of England, and Alex Marshall and Richard Corsie, of Scotland — have been dismantled by the World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC).

The council, which has always seemed reluctant to divulge the complex ranking system it uses to determine each country's representation at the world championships, plans to leave Bryant and Marshall out of the premier indoor event in Preston next January.

Bryant, the sport's best-known player, and Alcock have played in every world indoor pairs championship since the first in 1985, and until last February, they had never failed to reach the semi-finals. Although their record on grass is not as impressive, they were runners-up in the world outdoor event in 1984 and 1988.

Bryant, 64, did not play in the singles at Preston last February and now his place as Alcock's partner seems likely to go to Mervyn King, of Norfolk.

However, it is Marshall's omission that has raised eyebrows and not only north of the border. While he may not have the same singles record, Marshall combines most effectively with Corsie and they remain the only pair to have won both the world indoor and outdoor titles. In this year's world championships, they reached the semi-finals on carpet at Preston and the final on grass in Adelaide.

Corsie, the chairman of the players' representative body, the Professional Bowls Association (PBA), feels he should have been consulted about the

change. "The WIBC did not ask my opinion," he said yesterday. "I was told bluntly that Alex would not be playing this year, and would be replaced by Graham Robertson. Graham is a first-class player, and we could do well together, but that's not the point."

Corsie added: "I'm very disappointed. You don't create a good pairing overnight. Alex and I have built up a special partnership, and have been very successful. This action by the WIBC shows exactly why the World Bowls Tour is needed — to allow players to have more influence."

Last month, it was announced that a new body to control professional bowls, the World Bowls Tour (WBT), would create an alliance between the PBA, the WIBC and the outdoor body, the World Bowls Board (WBB).

The PBA and WBB, however, gave the WIBC the task of choosing the field for the 1997 world championships, pending the formal creation of a chief executive.

In the Double Century Sherry women's national triples championship at Leamington Spa yesterday, Irene Molynieux, who made her international debut 21 years ago, underlined her determination to regain the title she last won with her Oxford City and County colleagues, Audrey Mainwaring and Greta Winston, in 1991.

Molynieux skipped her team into the quarter-finals with a remarkable 23-11 win over another Oxford side, skipped by one of her protégés, Katherine Hawes. Hawes led 11-0 after 14 ends, but Molynieux finished with a devastating 1-4-5-3 sequence.



McGann holds up the trophy after winning the LPGA Rail Classic in Illinois

## Davies trips at play-off again

By PATRICIA DAVIES

THE best time to take on Laura Davies, the world No 1, is in a play-off. Even with the Englishwoman in prime form, as she is now, it is when she is at her most vulnerable, and on Monday she lost another one, to take her play-off record on the US LPGA (Ladies' Professional Golf Association) Tour to played five, lost five.

It was Michelle McGann who won the State Farm Rail Classic at Springfield, Illinois, with a birdie at the third extra hole, defeating Barb Whitehead, a fellow American, and Davies, who had birdied six of the last seven holes to finish with a 66, six under par, and a total of 202, 14 under.

At the final hole, Davies, a

mere five paces from the pin, with the ball in sand, played what she called "a miracle bunker shot" and saw it roll into the hole. "It just seems like anything is possible at the moment," said the woman who had won her 46th title and her sixth of the season last week. "It can't keep on."

However, play-offs still baffle her — "I think I've won three and lost about eight all together," she said — and when she tried another "miracle" shot, this time from a fairway bunker, at the 18th in its guise as the third extra hole, the ball hit the lip and flew back over her head, to a total of 202, 14 under.

McGann, who will make

her debut in the Solheim Cup later this month, had a 12-foot putt for her third title of the year and Davies said "knock it in, mate. Win it with a birdie."

McGann obliged and said: "That shows what kind of a sportsman Laura is."

Davies won \$46,294 (about £30,000), to increase her lead at the top of the US money-list to over \$100,000. She has won \$764,081 in prize money, making this the best season of her career already. Add in the record windfall of \$340,000 from the JC Penney/LPGA skins game in May and the total is over \$1.1 million. This week she is home for the European Open at Hanbury Manor in Herefordshire.

## FOR THE RECORD

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL) Chicago 22 Dallas 6

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## BOWLS

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WORLD CUP: Canada 3 Slovakia 2 (in overtime); United States 6 Russia 2 (in New York)

## REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Ladies National Junior Championships: Under-18: Final: M. Rowlandson (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Under-16: Semi-finals: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 2nd round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 3rd round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 4th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 5th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 6th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 7th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 8th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 9th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 10th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 11th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 12th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 13th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 14th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 15th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 16th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 17th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 18th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 19th round: S. Harrison (Ireland) 6-4, 6-4; 20th round: S. 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# Dashing DeFreitas shows his true colours

That Jones has had a considerable effect on Derbyshire's cricket can be seen from the table, and he continues to back his horses. Glerd Roberts, 22, a left-arm spinner, is making his championship debut here ahead of Vandrau. Krikken, the unorthodox wicketkeeper-batsman, has so far faced Somerset for 29 overs.

Indeed, had their bowlers found the right length on a pitch that gave the seamers no little help, especially early on, it could have been a different tale. In general, too many balls were dropped short and that was meat and drink to the likes of Hollioake.

**FALL OF WICKETS** 1-18. 2-25. 3-100.  
4-129

**BOWLING** Sireak 8-0-24-0 Olonga 6-0-47-2  
A R Whittall 5-0-26-0 A R Whittall 4-0-10-130  
1-10-130 1-Strong 10-0-50-0 Westcott 4-0-24-0  
G W Flower 1-0-10-0, Evans 3-0-14-0

Man of the match: P A de Silva

Umpires S Bucknor (West Indies) and C Maloney (South Africa)

*♣ Sri Lanka qualify for the final on Saturday September 7. They will play the winners of the match between Australia and India, which is scheduled for Sunday.*

batting.  
Geoff Cook, who has been

in charge of the club's cricket affairs through five dismaying seasons, had left for Tasmania on Friday. After considering a move for Sachin Tendulkar, whose availability next summer would be limited, he was confident of acquiring Boon, and Roseberry knew he was about to be replaced.

Boon, even approaching 36, is a shrewd signing. One of only three Australians to make 7,000 Test runs, he was an unglamorous, understated international player, but with a sharp cricketing brain. He has long had a yen to play county cricket and came close to a contract with Warwickshire in 1993.



## FOOTBALL

# Holdsworth demands move from Wimbledon

By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

DEAN HOLDSWORTH'S disagreement with Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, has passed the point of no return. After Kinnear publicly lambasted his striker for displaying a "disappointing" attitude and restricted him to training with the reserve team, Holdsworth responded yesterday by asking to be placed on the transfer list.



Cantona: injured

Wimbledon's dismal start to the season, with three successive defeats in the FA Carling Premiership, has led to murmurs of discontent at the south London club. Holdsworth and Oyvind Leonhardsen, the Norway midfielder player, were particularly unhappy at being left out of the side that lost 1-0 away to Leeds United nine days ago.

Neither was selected among the substitutes and are unlikely to figure in Kinnear's plans for the match against Tottenham Hotspur at Selhurst Park tonight. Neither will Teddy Sheringham, Chris Armstrong and Gary Mabbutt feature for Tottenham, although injuries have ruled them out, and may also account for Darren Anderton and Ian Walker.

It was not an especially good day for Wimbledon. The Football Association of Ireland (FAI), unimpressed by reports that the club is planning to move from Selhurst Park to Dublin, called on the Football Association and the FA Premier League, the Premiership's governing body, to support their objection.

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, is to hold a series of regional get-togethers with the country's leading managers, at which he will outline his

ideas on the way forward for clubs and country. John Barnwell, chief executive of the League Managers' Association, said: "We want to discuss how the managers can help Glenn develop the England team and help with his selections."

Arsenal's UEFA Cup first round, second leg, match against Borussia Mönchengladbach, of Germany, has been put back a day to January 25, with a 4.30pm (BST) kick-off. It has also been switched to Cologne because the Mönchengladbach stadium did not have enough seating to satisfy the rules of UEFA, the sport's European governing body.

Manchester United may begin a demanding eight days at Derby tonight without Eric Cantona, their captain and inspiration. Cantona is still being troubled by the muscle injury in his buttock that he first felt against Wimbledon at the start of the season.

"He's had a good rest and was in having treatment last week, so we'll have to see how he feels in the morning," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday. With the Frenchman suspended for United's opening European Cup Champions' League match against Juventus in Turin next week, United will be eager to play him tonight and in Saturday's visit to Leeds United after dropping four points to Everton and Blackburn Rovers. Paul Scholes would be the likely deputy.

Tests are coming thick and fast for Newcastle United, but the Tyneiders go into their derby with Sunderland, the last league meeting between the two clubs at Roker Park, breathing defiance. "We must not get paranoid," Alan Shearer, the Newcastle striker, insisted. "We've only played three games and we're only two points behind Manchester United."

While the meeting of Sunderland and Newcastle commands the attention, the third North Eastern club was unhappy at the departure of Jamie Pollock for Osasuna, which deprives them of a fee. "I don't see it as a great career move going to a Spanish second division club," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said tartly.



Kanu, right, celebrates Olympic gold with Amokachi, the former Everton forward. Photograph: Jim Bourg

## Cruel end to Kanu's golden summer

By Rob Hughes  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOR Nwankwo Kanu, one of the finest young footballers in the world, a golden summer has disintegrated. Just a month after Kanu captained Nigeria to Olympic gold, and two weeks after his formal £1.3 million transfer from Ajax Amsterdam to Internazionale, of Milan, he has been told he has a heart condition that prevents him playing football professionally again.

Kanu was 20 on August 1. He had already won a European Cup winner's medal with Ajax, he had scored two goals inside five minutes to defeat Brazil in the semi-finals of the Olympics, and two of the wealthiest clubs in Europe had wrangled for six months

before Inter secured his signature and the right to pay him £500,000 per season for the next three years. Plucked out of Africa by Ajax when aged just 17, he is a tall, leggy athlete. He runs with his head high, peering here and there like a gazelle sensing danger in the field.

A series of simple tests have revealed, however, an abnormality in the left ventricle of his heart. An operation will be needed to replace a valve. "It is unfortunate that we have to be so pious towards a player of world class," Piero Volpi, the Inter team doctor, said. "But the cardiac specialists are categorical. We have to think of the man before we think of the player."

The pursuit of Kanu by Inter was relentless. From

February until July they tussled with Ajax and yesterday, with Kanu in protective hiding, they indicated that their priorities were, first, the destiny of the broken player, and second, legal retribution against Ajax.

Professor Bruno Caru, one of the heart specialists advising Inter, said: "I categorically exclude any idea that Kanu could have been healthy three months ago. He has been ill for years."

The condition is not life-threatening but he clearly has no future as a player and would pass no insurance examination. Massimo Moratti, the oil magnate who owns Inter, said his club would take care of Kanu, possibly with an off-field role. But, with Ajax insisting that

his physical condition was, as far as they knew, without suspicion, the ramifications call into question the Amsterdam club's renowned thoroughness.

They claimed they had offered Kanu terms until the year 2001 to try to keep him but cardiac experts in Milan said any simple test would have shown his perilous state. So young, so gifted and so vulnerable... and one wonders about the whole concept of football transfers in which millions are spent without commensurate medical back-up.

Kanu, before his lawyer and agent spirited him away, was the forlorn voice of lost sporting opportunity. "I knew nothing, nobody told me," he said. "What am I to do now?"

## Pleat revives Wednesday's fortunes

By Peter Ball

MONDAY night football has not been universally popular, on or off the screen, but Sheffield Wednesday's 2-1 defeat of Leicester City on Monday night, which took Wednesday five points clear at the top of the FA Carling Premiership before tonight's games, should convert some of the doubters, in Sheffield as well as in the armchairs.

Television matches on Mondays have been a mixed bag, with some uninspiring football. With only 17,000 inside Hillsborough and Leicester as opposition, David Pleat, the Wednesday manager,

admitted that even some of his team found it difficult to get motivated.

Yet despite any such doubts, Wednesday and Leicester produced some excellent football and Wednesday opened up a gap at the top that ensures that they will be leaders on Saturday whatever happens to Chelsea, the second club, at Arsenal tonight. Chelsea, it should be noted, are the visitors at Hillsborough on Saturday.

In the long term, Wednesday are unlikely candidates for the championship, but there is little doubt that the changes Pleat made in the summer have made them a

much hungrier, more resilient team than in times past.

The new players—Collins, Booth, the ebullient Blinker and the stunningly gifted teenager, Ritchie Humphreys—have added an extra determination. On Monday night, Leicester looked the better side in the first half and against Wednesday in past years, that would almost certainly have meant that Leicester won—but this Sheffield team kept going and finally took control, thanks to a sensational goal from Humphreys, his third in four games, and another from Booth.

"We're quite resilient at the

moment," Pleat agreed. "We've played with more composure than we did in the first half, but it was a hard game." Chelsea will pose a greater test, but with 30,000 expected, the atmosphere should be compelling.

However, although Claridge's first goal in the Premiership was one to remember and the midfield has real quality, Leicester look lightweight, with a defence that seems short of the necessary soundness. They may find, like Bolton Wanderers and Manchester City last season, that neat football is no guarantee of Premiership survival.

## IN BRIEF

### De Silva propels Sri Lanka into final

ARAVINDA DE SILVA hit a brilliant unbeaten century, his sixth in one-day cricket, to steer Sri Lanka to a comfortable six-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the Singer world series tournament in Colombo yesterday.

The win ensured that the World Cup champions finished top of the league standings in the four-nation limited-overs tournament with a maximum six points from three wins and qualified for the final on Saturday when they will meet either Australia or India. Chasing Zimbabwe's total of 227 for five from 50 overs, Sri Lanka were in difficulties at 129 for four but De Silva guided his side to victory with three overs to spare.

## Tea warning

Athletics: The German athletics federation (DLV) is to warn competitors to stop drinking tea and coffee during competitions to avoid the risk of being banned for doping. After studying the case of a minor athlete who failed a drug test for the stimulant caffeine after drinking just two cups of coffee, the DLV said yesterday that it had revised its recommendations on refreshments. "No tea or coffee should be drunk at all from before the start of a competition to the time when an athlete provides urine for a doping sample," the DLV said in a statement.

## Double blow

American football: The Chicago Bears crushed the Dallas Cowboys, the defending Super Bowl champions, 22-6 on Monday. A bad night for Dallas was completed when Emmitt Smith, the leading running back, was carried off with a neck injury with three minutes remaining.

## Male leads

Real tennis: James Male, the world rackets champion, and his fellow-Radcliffe, Julian Snow, the world's leading amateur, won their opening match of the Cos d'Estournel European Open doubles championship 6-2, 6-1, after a sparkling performance against Peter Burke, the Queen's Club professional, and Norwood Cripps, the Eton professional.

## Breezing home

Sailing: *Assuage*, of Britain, made the best of the light and shifty breezes to finish fourteenth in the Rolex Swan World Cup, in Sardinia, yesterday, moving into second place in the overall standings.

### Platt using time on sidelines to plan for the future

By Russell Kempson

THREE months ago, David Platt was contemplating leading England into Euro 96. He started only two matches. Three weeks ago, he was expected to play a vigorous role in Arsenal's FA Carling Premiership campaign. He has yet to appear. Times are changing, the future less clear, for the elegant, articulate midfielder player.

Forced out of action by a troublesome knee injury, it is an awkward period of reassessment for Platt, as the uncertainty at Highbury rumbles on in the wake of Bruce Rioch's sudden departure and Arsène Wenger's protracted arrival. Yet, always the realist, he is already confronting the inevitability of the next stage of an illustrious career.

"You get to a point when you realise the youngsters are coming through more and more," Platt, 30, said. "Careers come to an end, at club and international level, and you have to move on. I've got an eye on management, perhaps as a player-manager, but there's still plenty of time left for that."

Platt's tenancy as captain of England ended shortly before the European championship finals, when Tony Adams, his Arsenal team-mate, was handed the armband by Terry Venables, then coach. It has since been passed on to Alan Shearer by Glenn Hoddle, Venables's successor.

"It is not a problem, I don't see it like that," Platt said. "I've spoken to Glenn and he told me that, once I'm fit again, I'm still very much part of his plans. That's good enough for me."

It is unlikely that Platt's



Platt: possible return

appearance against Germany, in the Euro 96 semi-final defeat at Wembley in June, heralded his 62nd and final cap, or that he will not add to his 27 goals, which have secured him a top-ten place among England's all-time goalscorers.

Hoddle still needs tried and trusted performers alongside young bucks like David Beckham, if England are to steer a safe passage to the 1998 World Cup finals in France. It says much for Platt's foresight, though, that he has at least recognised that age and time are no longer favourable factors in his continued selection, either at club or international level.

Injuries have also hampered his progress, too regularly for comfort but, after a successful 45-minute run-out in John Lukie's testimonial match at the weekend, he could return, probably as a substitute, in Arsenal's game against Chelsea at Highbury tonight.

Platt has adapted to many career changes. After rejection as an apprentice at Manchester United, he resurfaced his fortunes with Crewe Alexandra and then Aston Villa, Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria. When he joined Arsenal for £4.75 million last year, it took his combined transfer fees to £22.15 million—a world record.

"What next?" is a question he has addressed with increasing diligence, and he has kept a notebook of relevant tips he has picked up over the past two years. "It's just a few things I've learnt from various people," Platt said. "Almost certainly, for reference in the not-too-distant future."

Yesterday's result:  
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 3 Southampton 3.

Monday's late results:  
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Sheffield Wednesday 2 Leicester 1.

VALDARF CONFERENCE: Huddersfield 3 Northwich 0, Macclesfield 1 Skelton 1, Slough 2 Welling 1.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Enfield 2 Hyde 1.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 2 Burton 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 0 West Ham 0, Oxford 4 Colchester 0, Park Rangers 0, Tottenham 2 Bristol City 1.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bournemouth 1 Uxbridge 0.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE county championship: 10th round day of four, 100 overs minimum.  
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OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire.  
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire.  
TAUNTON: Somerset v Derbyshire.  
THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire.  
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Essex.  
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Sussex.

## ROWING

## Oxford turn to Dutch coach

By Mike Rosewell, Rowing Correspondent

OXFORD, with the unenviable record of four successive Boat Race defeats behind them, have taken on an extra coach to try to end Cambridge's supremacy. Rene Mijnders, 40, who has been head coach to the Dutch national squad for the past ten years, will play a leading role in the Oxford coaching team this winter.

Mijnders, who has restructured the sport in Holland, put together a Dutch eight after Barcelona, that won silver medals in the 1994 and 1995 world championships and took the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

A former Holland international at both lightweight and heavyweight, Mijnders will take responsibility for the top Oxford personnel on a six-month contract. Dan Topolski and Penny Chuter, with a year of their three-year contracts to run, remain in the fold.

Topolski, with his depth of Boat Race experience, will hold a consultative role while Chuter takes over responsibility for rowing development at Oxford across the board, lightweight and women included.

Mijnders, who has given up his Dutch post and will live in Oxford, said he was happy "to

play a part in the most famous rowing race in the world". Topolski said of the Dutchman's appointment: "I am really thrilled. It will lift our game." On the extra emphasis on rowing development at Oxford, something seen clearly at Cambridge in recent years under Robin Williams, their coach, Topolski said yesterday: "We have had a big gap in bringing people on. We want to fill that gap." Chuter, also welcomed the arrival of Mijnders. "Having just won the Olympic blue riband event, he must be looked at as the best coach in the world—and he is fresh," she said.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Alderney v Buxton, Bishop Auckland v Blyth Spartans, Wintour v Kewley. First division: Bradford Pk Ave v Harrogate Town.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bolton v Clitheroe (7.0). Postponed: Manchester Utd v Leeds (7.15).

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WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Sussex.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Derby: Derbyshire v Surrey.

Chesham: Essex v Worcestershire. Uxbridge: FAP v Vauxhall. Leicestershire v Slough (2nd day of three).

Northamptonshire v Glamorgan, Northampton (2nd day of three).

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## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan  
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Understanding the tactics of converting a part-score is an important part of rubber bridge. At 40 up the cheapest way to convert is to make two of a major. Thus your partner will strain to raise you with three-card support, and for that reason you should avoid bidding a poor four-card major if you have a reasonable alternative. The East player on this hand from the high game at TGR's misapplied that notion.

Dealer East  
West  
♠ 5  
♥ AK10742  
♦ AKJ75  
♣ AJ73

1H  
3C

East-West 40  
East  
♠ 10 4 2  
♥ Q 3  
♦ K J 7 5  
♣ K 5 2

Pass  
2NT  
All Pass

Aided by some poor play and a 4-2 club break outside, the declarer managed to go one down in Three Clubs. As you could throw Three Hearts against the wall there was a lively post-mortem.

East criticised West for not rebidding Three Hearts over 2NT. But it certainly seems reasonable for West to try Three Clubs. After all, if his partner had:

Do you see the flaw in that argument? If he is nervous, he can always bid 2NT if raised to Two Spades and so be no worse off. And the great advantage of responding One Spade is that it does not bypass Two Hearts, which will often be the best conversion spot.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BAUCHLE  
a. To scupper  
b. A shoe  
c. To chain up

AWFYN

VEERY

a. A bird

b. Truthful

c. Unsteady

WAPITI

a. Exclamation of sympathy

b. A stag

## KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene  
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

**Champion's loss**  
Chris Ward, who won the British Championship last month in Nottingham, suffered just one defeat in the course of scoring nine from 11 possible in the tournament. His loss came against the runner-up, international master Jonathan Parker, who also went on to be awarded the British Under-21 Championship title.

In the game, Parker chose a complicated opening variation in which both sides castle on opposite wings. In a tense situation, Parker resolved matters in his favour by a bone-crushing intervention from his queen on move 27. This queen swoop transposed into an endgame and effectively terminated Black's resistance.

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Nimzo-Indian Defence

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6 Bxf6 g5  
7 Bg3 Ne4  
8 Rc1 Bxc3+  
9 bxc3 Nc6  
10 Ne2 Ng3  
11 h3 Nc7  
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18 g4 e4  
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# Doomed to suffer an outrageous fortune

My father recalls watching a production of *Hamlet* during which, as Gertrude picked up the cup and said "the queen carouses to thy fortune, Hamlet," a member of the audience, caught up utterly in the state of Denmark, called desperately: "Don't drink it!"

I often feel like that myself, not as I watch tragedies in theatres, but as I walk through the various tragicomedies of the sporting round. Again and again, I see the faces bright with the excitement of the contest to come as they reach for the cup to carouse to fortune and it seems that everyone save the drinkers knows what will happen. "No, no, the drink, the drink! Oh my dear Hamlet! The drink, the drink! I am poisoned!"

I remember when I watched Damon Hill pick up the poisoned chalice of Formula One six years ago with an eager smile on his face. A driver, son of a famous father, called, not from the back of the grid but from still further away, from the testing track, to step into the cockpit of the fastest car in motor racing. They may make

you a world champion, I thought to myself at the time. But they will make you a lot of other things as well.

I claim no special prescience for this, any more than you need brilliant awareness to see that things will go rather wrong by Ayr V of *Hamlet*. But I remember it with a special vividness, because Hill seems so unlike a Formula One driver. I mean he seemed, not so much like one of the usual praised run of drivers that strut and fret their stuff around the race

## The poison has entered Hill's soul

tracks of the world, as like — well, a real person. One who has lived in the real world. A human being.

But neither Hill's employers, Williams, nor any other body in motor racing is much interested in human beings. And Frank Williams, boss of the Williams team, has a fine track record of fallings-out. He has got rid of Piquet, Prost and Mansell in his time. It is hardly likely that he would feel squeamish about Hill, even if Hill has the world championship in his grasp.

Hill will leave Williams a sadder and richer man, such is the fate of

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

most people who drive for the team. Hill has known glory: he has also tasted fury, frustration and despair. The poison has entered his soul. And you can say any manner of hard and, indeed, justified things about Williams and his team. But no one forced Hill to lift the chalice to his lips.

The same is true of Raymond Illingworth. He once turned down the job of managing the England

cricket team because it didn't give him enough power. But later he got "the supreme job" on more or less his own terms. He did not so much pick up the poisoned chalice as pour his own drink, mix it, shake it and stir it himself.

As with all these cases, one is fairly confident right from the start that things will go badly wrong. The only real question is the form it will take. Sport — I think every country thinks it is a peculiarity of its own — specialises in the evaluation of people to ridiculous heights and then in dashing them back down to earth.

Thus, Illingworth was brought low not by hidden enemies (though they have done their best) but by his own intransigence. It is all very well watching the England cricket team as if you had a bad smell under your nose, but it does not really fit the man who is supposed to be in charge of the team. Illingworth's season has been the longest sulk since Achilles. But we could all see it coming.

And, of course, we can see it coming towards Glenn Hoddle, the

man brave enough to take on the job of England football coach when others ran a mile waving crucifixes and garlic.

The sniping against Hoddle has already started. The former coach, Terry Venables, has led the way. (Just what precisely are his qualifications for writing about competitive international away games. I should like to know.)

Perhaps only the England cricket captaincy bears a poison more potent than the job of running the national football team. There is no antidote, not even success. Bobby Robson, the most successful incumbent of recent years, aged at three times the normal rate while he held the position; the most successful manager ever — Sir Alf Ramsey — got the sack.

But Hoddle picks up the challenge without a backward glance, knocks it back and smacks his lips with every appearance of relish. He will not be looking so carefree in two years. All the same, I hope against hope that the potent poison will not over-crow his spirit. Not for a while, anyway.

## He will leave a sadder and richer man

RUGBY UNION: CLUBS RELY ON PLAYER POWER TO STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND IN DISPUTE WITH RFU

# Cotton desperate to placate all parties in dispute

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE gloves are off with a vengeance in the tortuous dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and England's leading clubs. The clubs now threaten a withdrawal of labour from international squad preparations; the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (EPRUC) has, in effect, said to its players that it is time to stand up and be counted.

On the one hand, the members state categorically that they do not seek to deny players international opportunities — and all the commercial opportunities that go with England status — yet, on the other, they clearly seek playing support in their political dispute with the RFU.

The players know all too well that they could earn

anything from £50,000 to £100,000 from international rugby, on top of their club salaries, yet that is not the only consideration. In all the negotiations, the players' leaders have stressed that they represent not only those with international aspirations but also the "club professionals", who are unlikely ever to play for England but who may still hope to earn a living from sport.

Ironically, Leicester, whose chief executive, Peter Wheeler, stands high in EPRUC councils, are one of only three first-division clubs whose members may yet have a say in whether to accept EPRUC's recommendation for a breakaway from the RFU. They remain a member-led club, as opposed to one that has been taken over by a wealthy investor, and

require an extraordinary meeting before the October cut-off point, when EPRUC must make good its threat.

Worcester, for example, to stay with the union, EPRUC would make up its numbers from ambitious clubs lower down the league.

Leicester's organisation is such that, yesterday, they were able to announce a sponsorship agreement with Next and Cotton Traders worth more than £500,000 during the next four years.

Similarly, Gloucester have agreed with Westbury Homes a six-figure deal over the next three years, but are a reminder that the top clubs are on far from solid ground. Earlier this year, they parted company with Mike Coley, their chief executive, and yesterday he was joined in the sporting wilderness by Brian Wilkinson, of Sale.

Wilkinson had played a leading role in EPRUC's sub-committees, but his club, which refused to comment on the reasons for his departure, may have felt that he committed too much time to English clubs in general and not enough to Sale. His role will be occupied by Richard Trickey, the president.

Another northerner, Fran Cotton, was at Leicester yesterday with Wheeler, his old front-row colleague, for the announcement of the Next sponsorship, but Cotton has differing views. "There are two issues here," Cotton, the composition of whose British Isles team in South Africa next year is threatened by the dispute, said. "The RFU has to accept the need to restructure and change to cope with a new era and the clubs need to come to terms with the fact that they are over-valuing their product."

"Will Carling didn't become a sporting hero by playing at the Stoop Memorial Ground but by playing at Twickenham. The union offers the players the profile they need — playing for England at Twickenham. The players are in the middle; all they want to do is play for their club and their country."

EPRUC believes that it can put in place its own playing structures if it has to — though it would prefer a "friendly"



Giselle Pragnell, of Wasps and England, at Twickenham yesterday after the launch of the Bred for Life National Cup for women's rugby union

independence with the RFU. If, however, the rift proved acrimonious, clubs would continue to play scheduled league matches and create their own knockout and European competitions, though they may wait with some anxiety for news of the meeting tonight between the senior Welsh clubs and the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), who have also to discuss the impending Welsh breakaway announced last Friday.

Va'anga Tu'itama, the former New Zealand rugby union wing and rugby league player at Wigan, has been granted a work permit by the Department for Education and Employment and is free to make his debut for Wasps against Bath at the Recreation Ground a week on Saturday.

The Rugby Football Union for Women, meanwhile, has negotiated its most substantial sponsorship ever — £100,000 over three years for what will be known as the Bred for Life National Cup — money which will go to the competing clubs. That is exactly what the men are seeking.

## WORD-WATCHING

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BAUCHE

(a) An old shoe worn as a slipper, or worn down to the heel, which causes the wearer to stumble. The word is possibly derived from 'bauch', meaning poor or shaky. W. Taylor, 'Scottish Poems', 'Thro' my auld bauchie peep'd my muckle toe.' A bauchie is also, therefore, a shambler or a ne'er-do-well.

AWFYN

(a) Or 'alfin'. The bishop in chess. (Arabic *alf*, meaning 'elephant'). The piece previously went under name and shape of 'the elephant' when the game was played by the Chinese, Indians and Persians.

VEERY

(a) A North American thrush. (*Turdus fuscescens*.) Also known as 'Tawny' and 'Whitely's Thrush'. Its origin is thought to have been imitative. Whitely, 'My Playmate', 'There in Spring the veeries sing / The song of long ago.'

WAPITI

(b) The North American stag or elk, *Cervus canadensis*. (Shawnee word literally, 'white deer') which is allied to, though larger than the European Red Deer. Iona Bower (title), 'Wapiti running on the plains'.

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## RADIO CHOICE

# Both shaken and stirred

Simple Gifts. Radio 2, 8.30pm.

Not even Loyd Grossman's mangled vowels (hoi for high, bordie for body, porsable for possible, etc) can lessen the appeal of his history of the Shakers. When this religious sect was founded in the 18th century, it had 6,000 adherents. Now they are down to eight. They are making their last stand in Maine, New England, and the three Shakers still govern their lives, celibacy, confession and community life. Grossman's two-part series about the Shakers — so called because, when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they shook as they sang — employs some of the stirring songs that are part of their heritage. They use no instruments, only their voices. Polyphony is rare. The songs grew on me, especially those sung by the Sabbath Day Leg Shakers.

Carson McCullers: Love Me. Radio 3, 10.45pm.

Noah Richler's life of the American writer, unobtrusively fronted by Russell Davies, is the best kind of radio literary biography. All the criteria are imaginatively in place: verifiable and apocryphal anecdotes, informed judgment, and examples of her highly individual writing. McCullers excelled in portraying lonely people. *Heart*. It could easily have been the title of her unfinished autobiography. *Love Me* is a valuable source-setter for a Radio 4 adaptation of McCullers's *The Member of the Wedding* to be broadcast on November 11.

Peter Davall

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo, 6.30am Dave Pearce 8.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Les Varnon 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Alan Parker (1) 10.00 Mark Lister 12.00 Claire Burgess 4.00am Chris Warren

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo, 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thompson 3.00 Alex Lester 5.05 Paul Harvey 7.00 Jim Lloyd 8.00 The Hidden Tradition (3/4) 8.30 Simple Gifts See Choice (1/2) 9.00 Isles N'ar Forgetting, Iwan Dreier visits his native Orkney Islands 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 David Allen

## RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 6.35 The Magazine, with Diana MacL, incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mail, incl 12.35pm Newsweek 2.00 Russia on Five, incl 3.05 Russia Returns and at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, Rose, at 7.30 Sports Bulletin 7.35 Trevor Royle's Football Night, Coverage of tonight's matches incl Derby County v Manchester United 10.05 Night Extra, A special edition, focusing on citizenship, with Paul Rowley 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson 12.05am After Hours, with John Diamond 2.05 AM All Night, with Rhod Sharp

## TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Rastburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deasy 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 James White 1.00am Ian Collins

## WORLD SERVICE

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## CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susanah Smmons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto Delius (Cello Concerto) 3.00 James Crichton 6.00 Classic Newnight, with Jane Marham 6.30 Sonatas. Beethoven (Piano Sonata No 30) 7.00 Gardening Forum (1) 8.00 Evening Concert. Smetana (Prague Carnival), Milhaud (Le Bœuf sur le toit), Smetana (Missa), Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor), Milhaud (Symphony No 10) 10.00 Michael Mappin, incl at 11.35 Nocturne 1.00am Mel Cooper

## VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Juno 8.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Jeremy Clark

## RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Andrew McGregor, includes Bach (The Stabat Mater), D minor, BWV227; Dvořák (Piano Concerto in F minor, Op 11); Fauré (Pelléas et Mélisande); Copland (An Outdoor Choral); Rossini (Suite Bacchus and Ariane) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Catherine Young, includes Saint-Saëns (Le Rêve), d'Orybelle; Beethoven (Romance No 2 in F, Op 50); Field (Nocturnes in A, Nos 17 and 18); Janacek (Shining Sorata in E flat, Op 27 No 1); Rimsky-Korsakov (The Snow Parade of Clouds, Op 27 No 3) 7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London. Joaquin Achucarro, piano, Jill Gomez, soprano, BBC Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Ravel (Rapsodie Espagnole); Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain); Liszt (Waltz for Anna) 10.00 Composer of the Week: Fela Gertrud and the Heritage of Spain 1.00pm Manchester Summer Recital. Highlights from last May's Manchester International Cello Festival, introduced by Rodney Staddon. Patrick and Thomas Demargis, cello; Barriere (Sonata No 10 in G for two cellos); Grieg (Pavane No 2, Op 45); Beethoven (Duet for two cellos); Elliott Carter (Trio); Paganini, arr Thomas Demargis (Introduction and Variations on Rossini's Dal Tu Stellato for two cellos)

## RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today and 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Family Life — Brith, Death and the Whole Damn Thing (3/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek. With Times columnist Libby Purves and guests 10.00 News: The Street (FM); St Ann's Hill, Wandsworth, London (6/6) 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Women's Hour 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, from Dublin (1) 12.00 News; You And Yours, with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Mosaic FM. A drama series, by Mervyn Sybil, set in East London's premier Asian community radio station. With Meera Syal, Nina Wadia, Nita Sawhney and Sanjeev Bhaskar (1/6) Weather 1.00 The World At One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News: The Chindrella Service, Samantha Bond stars in Julia Stoneham's drama set around a Devon hostel for Land Army girls during the Second World War (2/2) 2.45 From Their Own Correspondent (5/6) (1) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow reads a new biography of Orson Welles and reviews the latest cinema releases 4.45 Short Story: Little's Little Habit, by Dorothy Schwarz

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

# Farrell's honour ends drought for Wigan

IT HAS been quite a summer for Andrew Farrell, if not for Wigan, his club (Christopher Irvine writes). He led England to the European championship, he will become the youngest Great Britain captain when he leads the side on the forthcoming tour to the southern hemisphere, and last night, in Manchester, he received the game's highest individual honour, the St James' man of steel award.

Farrell, 21, is the seventh Wigan player since 1980 to receive the award; he is also the youngest. His individual displays at loose forward in a difficult season for Wigan have been consistently outstanding. Last year, and in 1994, he was the young player

of the year. That award went to Keiron Cunningham, 19, in recognition of his contribution, at hooker, to St Helens' double-winning season.

Shaun McCrae, of St Helens, was named as coach of the year and Robbie Paul, the inspirational young captain of Bradford Bulls, the players' choice as Super League player of the year.

Q London Broncos have confirmed that they will be leaving The Valley, the home of Charlton Athletic Football Club, for economic reasons. The Athletic Ground, Richmond, where Richmond and London Scottish play rugby union, is among the venues being considered for next season.



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Croatian misfires as Agassi tries to defuse threat of quarter-final explosion

## Ivanisevic falls short in quest for credibility

FROM DAVID MILLER  
IN NEW YORK

GORAN IVANISEVIC is hoping to convince the tennis world that he is a leading player, not just a big server whose aces have carried him to a couple of Wimbledon finals. Yesterday, for the first time in the eight years he has competed in the US Open, he reached the quarter-finals, defeating Andrei Medvedev, of Ukraine, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

It was not the best of Ivanisevic. Phases of the match in the baking afternoon heat were turgid, but here and there the Croatian, who is seeded No 4, produced flashing passing shots that left Medvedev seeming heavy-footed. It will take more than this for Ivanisevic to get past Pete Sampras, the defending champion, whom he is scheduled to meet in the semi-final.

His quarter-final opponent will be either Tim Henman or Stefan Edberg, who were due to play late yesterday evening (BST). Medvedev, who is ranked 36 in the world, has more talent than he revealed here. In 1994-95 his progress as one of the outstanding teenagers on the circuit was impeded by knee and wrist injuries, but there were moments yesterday when he meekly hung his head in resignation when, in fact, the match was still there to be won.

This attitude was particularly conspicuous when he led the fourth set 6-5 and was in with a chance of pushing the match to five sets.

The quarter-finals in the bottom half of the draw take place today, a day ahead of the top half. They pit Andre Agassi against Thomas Muster, and Javier Sanchez, the older brother of Arantxa, against Michael Chang. The Agassi match, unavoidably, is

being interpreted as a grudge confrontation between the respective No 6 and No 3 seeds.

Earlier in the year Agassi and Muster were flinging wild words at each other concerning Agassi's allegation that Muster's winning record, established predominantly on clay, did not satisfactorily establish him as No 1 in the world, the ranking that Muster gained in February. Muster responded with several quoted obscenities.

Fuel was added to the controversy at the start of this tournament when Agassi's seeding position was raised, and Muster's dropped below Chang, whom he leads on the ranking list, in a piece of clumsy manipulation by the seeding committee.

Having overcome the big

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service of David Wheaton, Agassi was quick in his attempt to defuse the supposedly contentious quarter-final.

"I think there were some misinterpretations by the media," Agassi said. "I've always stated that [Muster] deserves it [the No 1 ranking] for working so hard and accomplishing it, because it is not easy."

"But they [the media] would always follow it up with what I think of the ranking system. I've always complained about the ranking system [and its possible imbalance regarding different surfaces]. I think they took that, and somehow I was saying Thomas doesn't deserve it because of the ranking system... I think that had a very negative effect."

The head-to-head record between Agassi and Muster is 4-4. Agassi having won the last three encounters, including a straight-sets victory in

Cincinnati this year. Muster has won three or four meetings on clay, including the French Open in 1994, a result reversed when the pair met again that year here at Flushing Meadows.

"Thomas hits the ball rough off both sides, and I have to work hard to beat him," Agassi said. "It's going to be big tennis. Yet if anyone makes this more than a tennis match, that's their own issue. Come on, we're in the quarter-finals of the US Open. We both have won big events before, we both want to do it again. That's what we're both going out there to try to do."

Muster, who is 29, has been on the professional circuit for 11 years. His breakthrough in grand-slam events was when reaching the Australian semi-final in 1989. There followed four relatively lean years, a quarter-final here and there, before he established himself as a front-rank player when winning the French title last year on his favoured clay.

He failed to defend his title this year. This is the third time he has reached the US quarter-final. After his four-set victory over Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, the No 13 seed on Monday, Muster declined to come to the interview room, having been troubled by an upset stomach.

Although this has been an erratic year for Agassi, with long spells of inactivity punctuated by winning the Olympic title and disappearing early from both the French Open and Wimbledon, his game has been coming together in the heat and turmoil of the stadium court here, an environment in which he seems to thrive. He was runner-up to Sampras last year, having won the title in 1994. It seems to me improbable that Muster will be able to find enough to thwart Agassi's inspirational touch today.

The head-to-head record between Sanchez and Chang is 3-0 in Chang's favour and the prediction must be that Chang will proceed into the semi-final, the stage he last reached in 1992.



Ivanisevic could only find flashes of his usual power to defeat Medvedev yesterday. Photograph: Blake Sell

## Players set to club together in boycott of England

BY DAVID HANDS  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its leading clubs escalated yesterday and now threatens the preparation of the England team. A national squad of 43 is due to meet at Bisham Abbey today for the second in a planned series of training sessions but Leicester's six chosen players will not be attending and more withdrawals may follow.

Officials of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) are frank in their ambitions: their intention is to "maximise pressure" on the RFU in the hope of convincing that organisation — which they still acknowledge as the governing body for the game in England — that they are serious in their projected breakaway, for which they have now named a deadline of October 11.

Officials at all 24 clubs have discussed with their players, who are now also their employees, the rights and wrongs of the damaging dispute with the RFU, which culminated last Thursday with a declaration of independence. "I left it to our players to decide what they should do," Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said. "They told me they will not be at Bisham."

"I was very pleased with the players' decision but I regret the fact that they have been put in a position where they are used as political pawns. We should have reached agreement long before now and it's true to say that we have to bring matters to a head, we can't have any further procrastination."

"The players have recognised the strong commitment we have made to them, in the form of contracts and also to their new profession in terms of coaching structures and the reorganisation of our clubs." Even so, the RFU will proceed with what they describe as "mutually-agreed" arrangements. "It would be very sad, with international rugby having moved to a higher level, as seen in the southern hemisphere, if England's preparations were impinged upon at this stage," Don Rutherford, the RFU technical director, said.

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## Illingworth wins appeal over fine

BY JOHN GOODBODY

RAYMOND Illingworth, the outgoing chairman of the England selectors, yesterday won his appeal against a £2,000 fine imposed by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for bringing the game into disrepute.

After a 5½-hour meeting at Lord's, a four-man panel of the Cricket Council chaired by Desmond Fretwell, QC, upheld Illingworth's appeal. Michael Lawrence, Illingworth's solicitor, was sharply critical of the TCCB's original handling of the dispute between

did disclose matters which were confidential to the selection committee without authority. Illingworth looked triumphant as he left Lord's yesterday. "This has been a long, hard six months for my family and me and I have been subjected to a lot of pressure. We are naturally delighted with the result and feel fully vindicated," he said. "I did not want to leave the game with the disrepute charge round my neck."

Illingworth, 64, retires next week after 2½ years in the job with his final act being the naming of the England touring parties for the winter. Lawrence said: "Ray has had some terrible letters accusing him of being racist. He has had terrible press publicity and been accused by people in the game as being racist. This is wholly untrue."

Lawrence said the "fundamental issue" in his case at the appeal was the different way in which the board had handled the public statements after the falling-out between Illingworth and Malcolm in South Africa last winter. Malcolm escaped without a fine when he explained why he believed he had been mishandled in South Africa.

Illingworth claimed that he wanted a right of reply. When he published his views in May he was forced to appear before a TCCB disciplinary committee and was fined the following month. Richard Little, the TCCB spokesman, said that although Malcolm was not fined he was asked to make a contribution to a charity. Charges were brought against

## Managers face disrepute charges

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WITH the FA Carling Premiership season barely three weeks old, four of English football's most senior figures find themselves in the disciplinary dock. Bryan Robson, Graeme Souness, Ron Atkinson and Gordon Strachan were summoned yesterday to appear before the Football Association to explain their conduct during incidents at recent matches.

Of the variety of alleged misdemeanours, all involving referees, Strachan's is the most bizarre. The Coventry City assistant manager was sent off for dissent in the early stages of a reserve match against West Bromwich Albion last Thursday, but refused to leave the pitch.

Tony Green, the referee, halted the match to discuss the issue with Atkinson, the Coventry manager, and Alan Buckley, the West Bromwich manager, in his dressing room. Play was resumed 15 minutes later, without Strachan.

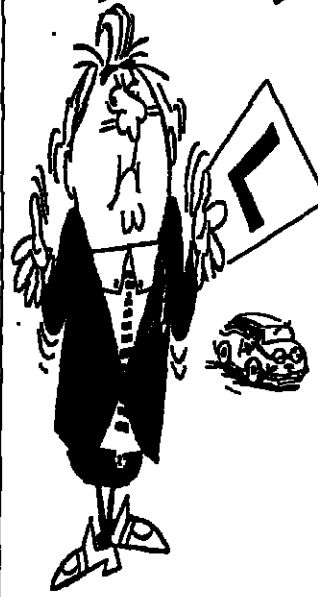
Subsequently, Atkinson, for alleged remarks made to Green, and Strachan have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Each has been given 14 days to respond to the charge, with Atkinson already indicating he intends to contest it.

The pair, additionally, have been asked by the FA for their views after an incident on the touchline during the 2-0 defeat at Chelsea last month. Atkinson and Strachan protested forcibly when Petrescu's apparent handball was not penalised and Leboeuf scored. Paul Danson, the referee, highlighted it in his report. "It has raised the question of the



Atkinson: hearing

## TEST DRIVE YOUR BRAIN



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